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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Five men were killed and four wounded by the explosion of a powder charge of an eight-inch gun on the U. S. battleship Massachusetts, near San Juan, P. R. —— The House yesterday passed the bill to establish a department of commerce and labor. —— Naval Constructor Hobson has been assigned to duty at the Puget Sound naval station. —— Steamship St. Louis arrived at New York yesterday. —— Reports last night from Columbia, S. C., were that the condition of Editor Gonzales was encouraging, but the case is still a desperate one. —— The Wilcox case will go to the jury Monday; the defence put up no witnesses. —— A bill has been introduced in the State Senate of Virginia providing for a statue of Gen. R. E. Lee in Statuary Hall, Washington, D. C. —— Explosion of two boilers in a factory at Greenville, Mich., killed two men and injured a dozen others. —— The 16-inch coast defence rifle was successfully tested at the government proving grounds. —— Seven deaths from plague and fifty cases at Mazatlan, Mexico. —— Latest bulletin from Columbia this morning reports Mr. Gonzales' condition unchanged. —— A combination of manufacturers of Egyptian cigarettes is announced. —— The crew of the disabled Norwegian steamer Siggen were rescued at sea by the steamship Pennsylvania and landed at New York. —— New York markets: Money on call nominal; cotton steady at 8.95c; flour quiet but firm; wheat—spot firmer; No. 2 red 83½c; corn—spot firm; No. 2, 60c; rosin firm; strained, common to good, $1.92@1.95; spirits turpentine 60½@61c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 17.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 42 degrees; 8 P. M., 46 degrees; maximum, 54 degrees; minimum, 42 degrees; mean, 48 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .06; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 2.35.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—For North Carolina: Fair and colder Sunday; Monday fair; fresh northwest winds.

Port Almanac—January 18.

Sun Rises	7.08 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.14 P. M.
Day's Length	10 H. 06 M.
High Water at Southport	11.40 A. M.
High Water Wilmington	2.10 P. M.

Perhaps that New Jersey Judge who resigned because he couldn't live on a salary of $9,000 a year was indulging his family in too much coal and meat.

Marconi says it will be practicable when he gets his system completed for us to carry our telephone apparatus in our pockets, and do our own helloing without wires or go between girls.

The nickel steel rails now being laid by the Pennsylvania railroad on its curves may be nice and durable, but they ought to be when they cost $72 a ton, nearly three times as much as standard steel rails.

The representatives of the coal barons in Congress are very much afraid that removing the tariff duty from coal would give us cheap coal from Canada. That would be a terrible affliction to the coal consumers, wouldn't it?

The Philadelphia *Press*, remarking on the demand in the German Reichstag for a "differential duty on oil," says: "But the Germans do not produce oil." Maybe not, but there is lots of German money invested in the Russian oil fields.

That Indiana judge who was caught accepting bribes for offices in his court has resigned and gone to Colorado, where they offer larger bribes and there is a chance to make more money in that business.

A drunken man who was arrested trying to make his way into J. Pierpont Morgan's office, had three cents and a poker chip in his pockets. Perhaps he wanted to entice John into a little game of draw.

It is said that Lord Rosebery will wed a Kentucky widow, now a resident of Cannes, France. She was formerly a Miss Carr, and one of Louisville's noted beauties, and married a New Yorker, Samuel Sloan Chauncey.

The cattle raising industry is progressing in Florida. The latest evidence of progress is the purchase and fencing in of a 30,000 acre ranch by Florida men who propose to go into the business right and raise fine stock.

A New York dispatch says that while the people of that city were shivering for coal there were thousands of car loads on the New Jersey side of the river held by combines for higher prices although they were then getting $10 and $12 a ton for coal.

COMPULSORY PILOTAGE LAW.

Committee Appointed by Chamber of Commerce Yesterday—Join Associated Boards of Trades.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday a committee was appointed to confer with the Board of Navigation and Pilotage relative to an amendment to the compulsory pilotage laws as contemplated in the resolution of Mr. R. A. Parsley, adopted at the general meeting of the Chamber last Tuesday. The committee is as follows: R. A. Parsley (chairman), William Calder, Hugh MacRae, B. G. Worth, H. W. Malloy, J. W. Craig and J. J. Adkins.

The Board of Navigation and Pilotage is composed of Thos Evans (chairman), C. W. Worth, George Harriss, S. F. Craig, J. W. Craig, James Sprunt and Samuel Northrop. It is presumed that a conference of the two bodies will be held early this week and that the matter will be taken to the Legislature within ten days.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Chamber yesterday, it was decided to join the Associated Boards of Trade recently organized at Greensboro for the correction of alleged traffic evils and Messrs. J. A. Taylor and R. A. Parsley, of the Chamber of Commerce Traffic Committee, were appointed to membership on the Executive Committee of the Boards of Trade, through which all business of the Association will be transacted. Messrs. Taylor and Parsley will attend the meeting in Raleigh early this week and information to that effect was telegraphed to headquarters yesterday.

LOCAL DOTS.

— British steamer *Harbart*, hence for Bremen, arrived out yesterday.

— The editorial in the STAR of yesterday on the Carnegie library evidently struck a responsive chord.

— Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., meets Monday night for transaction of usual business and installation of officers.

— A thoroughly competent compositor accustomed to newspaper work may secure employment by applying at the STAR office.

— The attorneys for Wilcox are said to be confident of his acquittal. Never. There may be a mistrial, and, if so, Wilcox will be lucky to save his neck.

— S. & B. Solomon will inaugurate a big sale of new arrivals of Spring embroideries on Monday at 9 o'clock. The advertisement gives particulars.

— By special request Elder J. P. King, pastor of the Second Advent church, Sixth and Church streets, will preach on "Joseph and His Brethren" to-night at 7:30 o'clock.

— The annual meeting of Cape Fear Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, will be held in the W. L. I. armory Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The annual dues are payable at this meeting.

— A boy who wishes to learn the printing trade may secure employment by applying at the STAR Job Office. One who has had some experience feeding presses preferred. Must be a resident of the city.

— Charlotte *Observer*, 17th: "Mr. A. L. DeRosset, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., special agent for the Philadelphia Underwriters, arrived in the city yesterday and will locate here. He will open his office within a few days in room No. 12 on the first floor of the Piedmont building."

— In an advertisement in another column the prediction of the Weather Bureau for to-day is given "Fair" and this is coupled with the welcome announcement that the C. R., L. & P. Co. will run two cars from Front and Princess streets for the accommodation of those who want "Clams and Oysters."

— Apropos of the grain famine that is said to exist in the city by reason of the scarcity of railroad cars in the West, Mr. W. B. Cooper advertises the receipt yesterday of 2,000 bushels of corn, which is now being offered to the trade. It's hard to get, Mr. Cooper says, but the two thousand bushels is offered as long as it lasts.

— The "Original Quaker Male Quartette" will appear at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium as the fifth number in the Star Course of Entertainments, Monday evening, Jan. 26th. The box sheet will open at DeRosset's Friday. The attraction is given much praise by the *Times*, of Roanoke, Va., where the Quartette appeared last Tuesday.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Banks—Closed Monday.
W. B. Cooper—Seed potatoes.
A. D. Brown—Great white sale.
S. & B. Solomon—Embroideries.
Atlantic National Bank—Thanks.
Masonic—Meeting Concord Chapter.
Special Telegram—To whom it may concern.
Notice—A corrected statement of liquor revenue.
Atlantic Trust & Banking Co.—Solicits your account.
Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.—Two cars for beach.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Sons of Veterans—Attention.
Stenographer—Position wanted.
John G. Russell—Few more days.

Opening Embroidery Sale at Kress' 5 and 10c Store to-morow at 10 o'clock. Our very best values at 5 and 10c a yard, worth from 19c to 45c a yard. †

UTLEY MURDER TRIAL

Witnesses for the Defence Heard in the Cumberland Superior Court Yesterday.

THE PLEA OF INSANITY.

Most of the Day's Session Given Over to Argument of Legal Question—Negro Porter's Version of the Affair. Recess Taken Till Monday.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C. Jan. 17.—Most of the morning session of the Utley trial to day was taken up on a question of law. Col. Broadfoot, of the defence, asked the Judge to order the retirement of the jury, and stated that the defence desired a ruling on this point: Defendant's plea was not guilty. Now, would they be allowed to go on under that plea without prejudice to their interests and adduce evidence of the insanity at the time of the killing.

Solicitor Lyon, Hon. G. M. Rose, Col. Broadfoot and Col. Hinsdale and Mr. H. McD. Robinson, of the firm of Robinson & Shaw, argued the point, quoting State vs. Potts, Section 3,939 of the Code, and Section 65 of the Statutes, revising the law on insanity.

After a full conference, the trial proceeded on the plea of not guilty with a right to prove insanity.

Mr. H. McD. Robinson read to the jury the abstract of what the defence expected to prove.

Examined by the State, Maj. McKethan said his wife is an aunt of the defendant; he had not seen much of him. When sober, defendant is a quiet, peaceable man; when drunk he is not responsible.

A. F. Fowler and Dukes testified to going to the hotel on the night of the killing; heard shots down the stairs as Hollingsworth was seeing them to the room. Hollingsworth asked if either had a pistol; he had a good one, but could not get at it.

Sam Council, colored night porter, was at the hotel on the night of the 24th of October. Utley came in from the street and said, "I have been shooting my gun, and filled this wall full of holes. Defendant cursed Hollingsworth and said he would have him discharged. Defendant pointed his right finger at deceased with his left in the pocket of his coat. Hollingsworth drew a pistol and pointed it at defendant. Council got frightened and ran out of the hotel, and when just outside he heard the shot and Mr. Benton came running across the street. Some time ago a drummer was writing at a desk in the hotel and Utley said, "I will shoot a hole through his hat." The clerk protested as he was a guest of the house.

Judge Sutton read the testimony of Sam Council at the inquest.

Hon. G. M. Rose stated that the defence was read to introduce expert testimony, and asked adjournment until Monday morning. The motion was granted.

COUNTY COLORED TEACHERS MET.

Adopted Resolutions Approving Mr. Joyner's Views of Negro Education.

The meeting of the colored teachers with County Superintendent Catlett at the Court House yesterday morning was well attended and enthusiastic. In line with instructions set forth in a circular sent out before the meeting by Superintendent Catlett, all discussed the proper management and conduct of a school and at the same time gave their individual opinions gathered through actual experience.

The part of State Superintendent Joyner's late report bearing upon the education of the negro was read and very generally approved.

Upon motion, a committee of five with Rev. J. A. Bonner, of the city schools, as chairman, was appointed to frame resolutions expressing the approval by the colored teachers of all that part of the report dealing with the education of colored children.

Superintendent Catlett made the teachers an interesting talk upon the subject of history—its importance in the schools and the best method of teaching it.

Bill Against Slot Machines.

By the terms of the bill introduced in the Legislature Friday by Representative Parker, of Wayne, it is made unlawful to operate a slot machine when the return is uncertain and sometimes nothing, or when the return is certain but may be of greater value than the amount deposited, or when the return is not fixed and definite and can be of a less or of a greater value than the amount deposited. Violation is punishable by a fine of not less than $500 and imprisonment for from four months to two years.

A Native Wilmingtonian To Marry.

Major and Mrs. Thomas Ghard Goodman have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter Edith Anne to Mr. William Bradley Walker, on Tuesday evening January 27, 1903, at 8 o'clock, at St. Paul's Episcopal church, Chicago. They will be at home after June 1st at Hong Kong. Mr. Walker is a native of Wilmington, a son of the late Dr. Joshua C. Walker. For seven years he has been at Hong Kong, China, representing the Standard Oil Co. He and his bride will visit Wilmington before leaving for the Orient.

Do not fail to visit Kress' 5 and 10c Store to-morrow. Opening Embroidery Sale at 10 o'clock, 19c to 45c values at 5 and 10c a yard. †

PALMETTO FIBRE COMPANY.

Machines, After a Thorough Test, Are Being Manufactured for Installation in the Wilmington Factory.

General Manager William Mill Butler, of the Palmetto Company, Philadelphia, which recently purchased the pine product factory on Smith's Creek, near the city, has written to Superintendent F. L. Huggins that the pine fibre machines are now being built rapidly and several will be ready for installation very soon so that the factory can begin work. These machines are being built by the Nazel Machine Tool Works, of Philadelphia, and the delay in opening the factory here has been in order to first make sure that they were right. Enclosed in the letter to Mr. Huggins is an affidavit from prominent citizens of Philadelphia stating that from 18 pounds of material fed to one of the machines at a slow speed, there was produced ten pounds of clean fibre, the balance being a substance resembling ground cork, which is said to be valuable for tanning purposes. The test was thoroughly satisfactory in every respect and the company expects to begin operations upon a profitable basis from the very start.

The Palmetto Company was organized in Philadelphia in 1898 for the manufacture of various products from the Saw Palmetto, which was considered worthless up to that time, but of which there is practically an unlimited supply available in Florida and Southern Georgia, where it can be obtained at the cost of cutting and shipping. This material will be brought to Wilmington and used for the operation of the factory.

The chief articles now to be made at the plant in Wilmington is the horse hair substitute from the Palmetto, spoken of above, to be used for upholstering, for mattresses and for other purposes. The product is said to be nearly, if not quite, equal to and as strong and flexible as horse hair, which costs from 30 to 45 cents per pound. The by-product obtained from the waste after the fibre has been taken out, contains about 20 per cent. of tanic acid, and can be used for tanning leather and the like. The company will also continue to manufacture cable coating, wood preservative, crude oils, charcoal, etc. from pine, but the chief product will be the fibre.

The company has a total capitalization of a million dollars, of which $650,000 is common and $350,000 cumulative preferred stock. Of the latter about $50,000 has recently been disposed of at par. The officers are H. A. Rutis, president; Jno. F. Collins, vice president; William Meill Butler, secretary and treasurer and general manager. It is said that an offer has has already been made by a large European firm to take the entire out-put of horse hair substitute at 6 cents per pound at the factory. The company, however, hopes to sell in the home market at from 12 to 15 cents per pound.

The purchase of the factory by the Palmetto Company was recently consummated through the efforts of a committee from the Chamber of Commerce of Wilmington and it is learned that an opportunity will be given to local capitalists to subscribe for the stock.

LADIES' GOLF TOURNAMENT.

First of Series of Handicap Events Won by Miss Boatwright.

The ladies' handicap tournament on the links of the Cape Fear Golf Club yesterday afternoon was a delightful success in every respect. The match was the first of a series for a handsome silver loving cup to remain permanently in the possession of the winner of three contests of the series. The cup was won yesterday afternoon by Miss Alice Boatwright in a net score of 55. The other contestants, their handicap, and scores were as follows:

	Gross.	Han.	Net
Mrs. E. C. Holt	56	0	56
Mrs. C. McMillen	63	0	63
Mrs. R. D. W. Connor	57	0	57
Miss Mary Calder	56	0	56
Mrs. Hugh MacRae	61	4	57
Mrs. Victor Grainger	70	4	66
Miss Alice Boatwright	61	6	55
Mrs. C. S. Grainger	77	14	63

The contest was watched yesterday by a large number of spectators and at its conclusion the ladies served tea in the club house.

Robberies in Little River, S. C.

Mr. W. H. Stone, of Little River, S. C., was in the city yesterday and gave particulars of the robbery of the postoffice at that place last Sunday night. Entrance was effected through a window and from a safe, accidentally left unlocked $2.60 in cash was stolen. A large quantity of postage stamps were scattered over the floor. An unsuccessful attempt was made the same night to enter the store of the Stone Brothers Company. The store of Mr. S. J. Stanley at Calabash, three miles distant, was entered the same night and robbed of a quantity of merchandise. Two strange men, who had been loitering about Little River for several days and who have since disappeared are suspected of the robberies.

A Visit To The Tuscarora.

Through the courtesy of Capt David A Hall, of the Revenue Cutter *Tuscarora*, Collector of Customs B. F. Keith and his guests, Mrs. and Mrs. B. F. Keith, and party, of Boston, were shown over the ship yesterday after noon after the boat party on the river. Collector Keith proposes to take his guests for a steamer trip to Fayetteville on the *City of Fayetteville*, which is expected to arrive to-morrow afternoon and return Tuesday.

AFTER DEADLY GERMS

General Assembly Will Take a Day Off to Renovate the Legislative Halls.

ADJOURNED UNTIL TUESDAY.

General Lee's Birthday—Amendments to Pension Laws—Compensation for Paymaster General N. C. S. G. The Senatorial Situation

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 17.—Both branches of the General Assembly adjourned to-day until Tuesday morning, the purpose being to observe Lee's birthday, but more especially to allow time for renovating the Legislative halls. New non-germ harboring carpets will be put down. The bill for renovation passed to-day, providing that not over $2,500 be expended. The majority of members are suffering from colds and other ailments, and the old carpets are believed to contain germs which cause much of the sickness.

The House devoted most of to-day's session to discussing and finally passing the bill for the ventilation, renovation, fumigating and heating of the halls.

The House also passed the following notable bills:

To allow Washington county to issue bonds.

To allow Bladen county to issue bonds to build a jail.

To repeal the stock laws as to Federal Point township, New Hanover county.

To incorporate Oriental and Pamlico Railroad Co.

Bills were introduced as follows:

Fuller: Incorporate Trinity College.

Gatlis: To confer jurisdiction on Superior courts in certain cases.

The House adjourned at 12:45 P. M.

The Senate was in session only about half an hour and no bills of importance passed. The notable ones introduced were:

Pritchard: To incorporate the Chapel Hill Trolley Car Co.

Welborn: To give Confederate soldiers, who served 90 days, $30 pensions. All widows and those, who served less than 90 days, $18 per year.

Rothardt: To pension widows of Confederate soldiers, who married prior to 1868 instead of 1865.

Justice: To protect human life by requiring railroads to signal the approach of trains under certain circumstances, making the roads liable when signals are not given.

In the House Morton introduced a bill providing for a compensation for the Paymaster of the State Guards, sufficient to cover his expenses and the giving of the $30,000 bond required.

The Senatorial Situation.

It is understood that the merest formality will prevail when the Senate and House meet next Tuesday to cast the first official ballot for United State Senator. Only a few votes will be cast to conform to the law.

There is no change in the Democrat caucus situation, nor is there any prospect of any for some time.

News came from Durham to-night that Gen. J. S. Carr on the eve of his starting for a trip South, said he did not expect any of the candidates to get together soon; if they didn't that he would get in the fight again, as he merely withdrew in the interest of party harmony.

LOCAL MARKETS AND SHIPPING.

Barque With Naval Stores and Steamer With Cotton—High Prices Continue

The naval store, market continued strong yesterday and there was no sign of the reaction that was predicted the day before. Spirits went to 58 cents on the Wilmington and Savannah markets and New York quotations were 60½ cents. Rosin advanced on the local market to $1.55 and $1.60 per barrel, the highest price reached in several years.

The Norwegian barque *Argo* was cleared yesterday by the S. P. Shotter Co. for London, Eng., with a cargo of 6,107 barrels of rosin, valued at $9,865.25. The vessel was by Heide & Co.

The British steamer *City of Gloucester* was cleared yesterday by Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son with a cargo of 8,157 bales of cotton valued at $370,000 and consigned to parties in Liverpool, Eng.

Decrease in Postoffice Figures.

Wilmington should be a long time getting over congratulating itself upon what it has gained in the unprecedented railroad transactions that have taken place within the past several months. The Savannah *News* in giving a statement of the business done in the various departments of the Savannah postoffice during the last year, says among other things: "In some departments, it is true, less business was done than during the previous year but this is readily to be accounted for by the loss of the very large business of the Plant System after its consolidation with the Atlantic Coast Line and the removal of its offices from Savannah. The loss alone, the postoffice authorities say, meant the loss of between $5,000 and $6,000 to this office."

Distinguished Visitors Entertained.

Mr. B. F. Keith, the distinguished theatrical manager and owner, of Boston, who is being entertained for some time with a party of his friends from the North by Collector B. F. Keith, of this city, were guests yesterday afternoon of Mr. James Sprunt and Capt. Edgar D. Williams for a boat party about the harbor and up the Northeast river on the tug *Marion*. The party enjoyed the trip splendidly and were charmed with the scenery along the shores of the historic Cape Fear. The Messrs. Keith and the party of Mr. Keith, of Boston, will be guests of Messrs. Cowan Bros., of the Academy of Music, at the appearance Monday night of Miss Kathryn Kidder and company.

Corrected Statement of Liquor Revenue.

	To City.	To County School Fund.	Total.
Liquor License in Wil'g'on paid 1902 [official]	$16,988	$14,032	$31,020
Liquor License in Charlotte " " - - - -	18,000	3,600	21,600
Liquor License in Greensboro " " - - - -	17,000	3,400	20,400
Liquor License in Asheville " " - - - -	15,000	3,000	18,000

Above does not include Schedule B nor Ad Valorem Taxes.

New Hanover County School Fund receives from liquor license at least **$10,000,** more than any County in the State.

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GENERAL LEE'S BIRTHDAY.

Merchants and Business Men Urged to Close Their Places in the Afternoon. The Programme of Exercises.

Cape Fear Camp of Veterans and Cape Fear Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, under the auspices of whom the birthday of Gen. Robert E. Lee will be celebrated to-morrow afternoon, are especially anxious that the observance shall be as general as possible. The holiday is a legal one in North Carolina and as many merchants and business men as can conveniently do so, are requested to close their places of business during the hours of the exercises. The address of General Matt W. Ransom in the Academy of Music is for the public and every one is cordially invited.

The military parade, under the direction of Capt. James I. Metts, chief marshal, will move promptly at 3 o'clock from the W. L. I. armory and all commanders are urged to have their men in line by that hour. The procession will form on Market street, the right resting on Fourth street in the following order: Platoon of Police; Marshal and Aides; Second Regiment Band; Cape Fear Camp No. 354, U. C. V.; George Davis Camp, Sons of Veterans; Wilmington Light Infantry; Wilmington Division, Naval Reserves; Boys' Brigade; Orator and Chaplain. The procession will move promptly down Market street to Front, thence on Front to Red Cross; to Third, and down Third to Princess, and thence to the Academy of Music, where the exercises will be observed.

The programme for observance is as follows:

Prayer by Dr. A. D. McClure.
Music by Second Regiment Band.
Address by General Ransom.
Reading of General Lee's Farewell Address, by Comrade Jas. I. Metts.
Presentation, Crosses of Honor.
Response by Rev. R. W. Hogue.
"Dixie," by the band.

After the exercises the Daughters of the Confederacy will serve lunch in the City Hall to all veterans who participate in the parade and all veterans are asked to join in the same.

It mentioning the celebration it should be said that the privilege of the Academy of Music was secured through Messrs. Cowan Bros. from Miss Kathryn Kidder in person, who will appear there at night and who had the use of the auditorium for arranging the stage the day before.

The request of the Veterans and Daughters of Confederacy by telegraph was laid before Miss Kidder in Richmond, and she said said she would readily give way for a cause so noble and in honor of one so good and great. She expressed a desire to attend the the exercises in Wilmington and will probably do so.

In another column Commander Jno. VanB. Metts and Adjutant Roger Moore, of Geo. Davis Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, call the organizations to meet promptly at 2:30 P. M. at the W. L. I. armory for the purpose of joining the parade.

New Lodge Knights of Pythias.

Special Deputy Grand Chancellor Jas. C. Morrison, Robt. S. Collins, C. D. Yarborough, J. F. Littleton, H. E. Boniz and A. S. Holden, of this city, with the members of Clarkton Lodge, will institute Lodge No. 135, K. of P., at Chadbourn, N. C., on next Tuesday night, the 20th inst.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. Carl Lewis, after a visit to relatives here, has returned to Brooklyn, N. Y.

— Miss Mamie Clark left yesterday for Tarboro to visit her sister, Mrs. Ed. S. Battle.

— Mr. P. H. Sears, of the Whiteville Lumber Co., arrived yesterday for a brief visit to the city.

— Mrs. Matthews, after a visit to her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. D. McMillan, returned to Raleigh yesterday.

— Mr. W. T. Sears, general manager of the Angola Lumber Co., returned yesterday morning from an extensive business trip North.

— Miss Hettie Holmes, a daughter of Mr. Jere Holmes, of this city, and Mr. Walter G. Polley, formerly with Mr. I. Shrier, of Wilmington, were married in Portsmouth, Va., Thursday. Mr. Polley now has a position with the S. A. L. in Portsmouth.

— Mr. Geo. A. Croft returned yesterday afternoon from a business trip through South Carolina. He says the people of the Palmetto State are justly indignant over the shooting of Editor Gonzales by Jim Tillman, which has created such a sensation all over the country.

SUPERIOR COURT CALENDAR.

Cases Set for Trial During Two Weeks Term Beginning Next Monday Week. Meeting of the Bar.

The bar of the city met yesterday morning at the office of Col. Jno. D. Taylor and arranged the calendar of civil cases for trial at the two weeks' term of the New Hanover Superior Court, beginning to-morrow week, Judge Peebles presiding. At the meeting yesterday morning Mr. Eugene S. Martin presided and there was a good attendance of attorneys.

Perhaps the most important case of the term—that of J. L. Love against the Carolina Central Railroad Co. for $100,000 damages—could not be set for trial for the reason that the plaintiff is confined in jail in South Carolina on the charge of having killed a man in that State several weeks ago. The other cases, as they will be called, appear from the calendar as follows:

FIRST WEEK.

Monday—Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. vs. Albert H. Slocomb, Davis & Davis for plaintiff. Geo. H. Hutaff vs. Wilmington Sewerage Co., Bellamy & Bellamy, Russell & Gore and Herbert McClammy for plaintiff; E. K. Bryan for defendant.

Tuesday—Thos. F. Bagley vs. City of Wilmington, E. K. Bryan for plaintiff; William J. Bellamy for defendant. T. G. Williams vs. Inter-State Telephone Co., Russell & Gore and Meares & Ruark for plaintiff; Rountree & Carr, E. K. Bryan and Bellamy & Bellamy for defendant. R. W. Hicks vs. W. W. Blair, E. K. Bryan for plaintiff; Rountree & Carr for defendant. McCadden & McEliber vs. W. J. Reaves, E. K. Bryan for plaintiff.

Wednesday—W. T. Dortch, Adm'r, vs. W. T. Bannerman, Rountree & Carr for plaintiff; Bellamy & Bellamy for defendant. E. K. Bryan vs. Chas. O'Lee Donnell, E. K. Bryan for plaintiff. R. W. Hicks vs. C. A. Healey, E. K. Bryan for plaintiff. A. C. Nelsen vs. Southern Express Co., A. J. Marshall for plaintiff; Herbert McClammy for defendant.

Thursday—W. H. Harizog vs. C. H. Dock & Co., Russell & Gore for plaintiff; Bellamy & Bellamy for defendant Dock. McNair & Pearsall vs. Wiley Thompson et. al., E. K. Bryan for plaintiff. Rheinstein Dry Goods Co. vs. H. A. Townsend, E. K. Bryan for plaintiff. J. C. Stevenson Co. vs. W. E. Stone, et. al., E. K. Bryan for plaintiff.

Friday—M. J. Corbett Co. vs. J. B. Sellars & Co., E. K. Bryan for plaintiff; J. H. Cook, special appearance for defendant. The C. W. Polvogt Co. vs. DuBruix Cutlar, C. D. Weeks for plaintiff; B. G. Empie for defendant. R. W. Hicks vs. D. A. Cooper, McNeil & Bryan for plaintiff.

Saturday—Graham Murray vs. C. T. Haper et. al., L. V. Grady for plaintiff; W. J. Bellamy and H. McClammy for defendants.

SECOND WEEK.

Monday—City of Wilmington vs. Bousheba Hansley, H. McClammy and W. J. Bellamy for plaintiff; Bellamy & Peschau for defendant. A. G. Ricaud vs. W. H. Chadbourn et al., McNeill & Bryan and J. D. Bellamy for plaintiff and Junius Davis for defendant.

Tuesday—B. F. Penny vs. W., C. & A. Railroad Co., Herbert McClammy, A. J. Marshall, Bellamy & Bellamy for plaintiff; Rountree & Carr, Junius Davis and Bellamy & Peschau for defendant. R. W. Hicks vs. J. R. Turrentine, McNeill & Bryan for plaintiff; J. D. Bellamy for defendant. City of Wilmington vs. J. D. Bellamy, H. McClammy and W. J. Bellamy for plaintiff; Bellamy & Peschau for defendant.

Wednesday—The Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co. vs. McNair & Pearsall et al., Bellamy & Peschau for plaintiff. Thad F. Tyler vs. Geo. T. Bland et al., Empie & Empie for plaintiff; Bellamy & Peschau and Russell & Gore (by special appearance) for defendant. J. W. Monk et al. vs. City of Wilmington, Bellamy & Peschau and Bellamy & Bellamy for plaintiff; W. J. Bellamy, E. K. Bryan and H. McClammy for defendant. City of Wilmington vs. Iredell Meares et al., W. J. Bellamy for plaintiff; Russell & Gore (by special appearance) for defendant for security company.

Thursday—Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co., vs. J. P. Kirven. Wilcox & Wilcox and Rountree & Carr for plaintiff; Davis & Davis and Bellamy & Peschau for defendant. Owen Martindale vs. Joseph Albro et al., Bellamy & Peschau and A. J. Marshall for plaintiff; Battle and Ruark for defendant. D. Hanna vs. Fidelity and Deposit Co., Meares & Ruark for plaintiff; Bellamy & Peschau for defendant. A. D. Wessell vs. L. Kirven et al. Bellamy & Peschau for plaintiff; A. J. Marshall and Herbert McClammy for defendant. Robert Kornegay vs. J. R. Elmore, executor; L. V. Grady for plaintiff.

Friday—Atlantic National Bank vs. Clark J. Brown et al. McNeill & Bryan for plaintiff. Atlantic National Bank vs. Clark J. Brown. McNeill & Bryan for plaintiff. Louise B. Smith vs. Susan E. Moore, executor. E. K. Bryan for plaintiff; Bellamy & Bellamy for defendant.

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SUNDAY, Jan. 18, 1903.

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The Consolidated Railways, Light & Power Co.

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218 Barrels Mullets.
220 Gross Globe Matches.
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COMPANIONS—The regular convocation will be held and officers installed, Monday evening 8 o'clock.

W. A. MARTIN,
jan 18 1t Secretary.

MEN WANTED for the United States Navy; machinists, firemen, coal passers, electricians, shipwrights, seamen, ordinary seamen, landsmen, apprentices, and mess attendants; must be American born citizens or have made legal declaration of intention to become citizens. Only men of good character and physique need apply. For information apply in person or by letter to Naval Recruiting Station, Post office, Wilmington, N. C. jan 15 6t

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the next General Assembly for the passage of an Act granting a charter to the Elizabeth City and Carolina Through Line Railroad Co., (or other name suggested at time of making application) to build a railroad from Wilmington, N. C., to Elizabeth City, N. C.

January 1st, 1903.

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The Morning Star.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 18.

THE BLACK CLUB

Instead of working himself out of the negro trouble President Roosevelt has worked himself and his party deeper into it and made the negroes more assertive and aggressive than they have been for years. He has his Manager Clarkson to thank for a good deal of that, for Clarkson undertook to pilot him through the Lily White and Lampblack mix up in the South and led him right into the slush and mire in which he is now floundering.

Things were going along pretty quietly as far as Mr. Roosevelt was concerned until Clarkson appeared on the scene and persuaded him to appear upon the stage and play a hand with those three negro bishops some time last Summer. He followed that with a letter expressing his own views on the status of the negro in the Republican party and volunteered the information that the President entertained the same views, and soon followed the disciplining of the Alabama Lily Whites, and the letter called out by the Crum racket in Charleston, in which he declared that other things being equal there should be no discrimination against the negro in appointments to office, which was shortly followed by the appointment of Crum in spite of the universal white protest against it. Every step in that line took Roosevelt further into the mix up, emboldened the negroes, and encouraged them not only to ask for but to demand more than they had any idea of doing when Roosevelt, under the evil counsels and urging of Manager Clarkson, began to lean towards them, and commit himself to them. They are now not only demanding civil appointments, but appointments in the regular army and are following this up with reviving the old schemes of pensions for ex-slaves. And what is more they are giving it out that if these demands are not heard and complied with they will grasp their clubs and help to maul the Republican party, visit vengeance upon it and upon President Roosevelt whom they seem to look upon as their head servant, a sort of man of all work.

As giving some idea of their assertiveness, aggressiveness and the way they are holding the club over Roosevelt and the Republican party, we clip the following Washington dispatch to the New York *Times*:

Demand that the Republican party shall cause the enactment of a law to pension former slaves was made to the President to-day. The penalty of refusal will be the renewal of a movement to organize a bolt of the Republican party by the Northern negroes.

The threat is made by three negro clergymen whom Surveyor Clarkson took to the White House during the Fall campaign. There was at that time a movement to organize the negroes, particularly in the doubtful Northern States, to vote against the Republican party unless the "Lily White" movement in the South was disavowed by the administration.

After their interview at the White House the three clergymen, who had announced their intention of issuing a manifesto in favor of such an organization, declared that they would discountenance the movement because the administration was going to fight the "Lily Whites." The idea was thereupon dropped for the time, although local organizations have been kept up in some States.

S. P. Mitchell, President of the National Industrial Council of ex-Slaves, was at the White House to-day to get the President to look into the plan of pensioning the former slaves. He said that the unless the Republicans take up the old scheme, which has been before Congress year after year, the independent negro organization will be started again and the matter carried to the polls.

The pension idea has taken a strong hold upon thousands of negroes. The Postoffice Department investigated the matter some years ago, and found that many thousands were in correspondence with the promoters of the scheme.

Mitchell says that the pensioning of the ex-slaves would bring about a more equitable distribution of public moneys. The North, he says, is getting three-fourths of the money now being distributed, and the greater portion of pensions, river and harbor appropriations, etc., go North.

"The only recourse left for the adjustment of the matter," said Mitchell, "will be the polls. If the President and his Cabinet and Congress fail to hear us, we can by organization in the Northern States change the color of things greatly before the next election. We can get people in office who will aid us. The agitation of this question means the negro vote next Fall and in 1904."

The National Industrial Council met here last Friday and passed resolutions indorsing the scheme for an independent negro party, which should vote for candidates willing to aid its projects. The negroes know very well that they cannot do much in the South, but expect to frighten the Republicans in the doubtful States.

The President's recent utterances and actions upon the negro question have led to a bad state of things down in Georgia, according to statements made by Congressmen from that State. "It seems that the negro politicians in Georgia, who are mainly ignorant men, have an idea that the President is their friend, and that about all they have to do to get a white Postmaster out of office is to trump up charges against him.

When Senator Pritchard and his Lily Whites slammed the doors of the Greensboro convention against the negro delegates and they went pouting away, Chairman Price drew a long breath and joyously congratulated his brother white Republicans that after being strapped to it so long they were at last freed from that "body of death;" but it doesn't look as if they are quite as much freed from it as he thought they were, for between Clarkson and Roosevelt they have made the "body of death" a sticker and a somewhat lively corpse, much more lively and clamorous for some of the soft snaps than they have been for years, and assertive enough not only to threaten retribution on the Lily Whites in the South, but on the Republican party in the North if it doesn't come to time and hearken to their demands.

What they will do or whether they will do anything remains to be seen. The probabilities are that the Republican politicians will play the same old game they have been playing all along and pull the wool over their eyes as they have done heretofore, but in their claims and in their threats we see some of the results of Roosevelt's coquetting with and pandering to them, with the hope of placating the negro vote in the few Northern States, where it is a factor. Possibly if he had anticipated all the bother it is giving him he would have left hustler Clarkson in Iowa and taken his chances on the negro vote.

INCREASE IN USE OF COMMERCIAL FERTILIZERS.

The last report of S. L. Patterson, Commissioner of Agriculture, shows among other things the increase in the use of commercial fertilizers by our farmers in the past seven years, as follows:

1897	214 371.5 tons.
1898	245.511 75 tons.
1899	244 808 tons.
1900	276 238 tons.
1901	339,941 tons.
1902	330,714.75 tons.

Here is an increase of fifty per cent over 1897, an increase of over 100,000 tons over the consumption of that year. The use of these fertilizers is increasing not only in this State but in other Southern States and throughout the country generally, and it will doubtless continue to increase, because their value to the farmer is recognized.

How much these fertilizers cost the farmers of this State we do not know, but it was probably well invested, since it could not be very well dispensed with, at least at present. If a more judicious use had been made of them, the investment would have been a better one, for there is not the least doubt that much of these fertilizers was wasted and washed out of the ground before they did much benefit to the crops. If the same amount that was put upon three acres, say, had been concentrated upon one, there would have been three times as much benefit. And if some of these fertilizers had been used in stimulating grass, and other plants which could afterwards be used in fertilizing the lands and reducing the need for so much commercial fertilizers, there would have been a distinct gain in that.

The mistake is not in the free use of these fertilizers, but in the injudicious, extravagant use of them, and in relying upon them too much when more attention should be given to the making, saving and use of home-made fertilizers.

ANTI-TRUST TALK.

There are now about four anti-trust bills either before Congress or in committee under consideration to be presented later. These bills differ materially and some of them radically, so materially and so radically that it is safe to predict that none of them will go through at this session for when one of these comes up for discussion the rush to go upon record will be so great that every Senator and Representative who can talk, or read what some one else writes, will desire to be heard.

The administration, and those who represent it, seem disposed to hear and act upon the views of Attorney General Knox, who contends that it isn't so much anti-trust legislation that we need, as a fuller exercise of the power already invested in Congress to deal with the trusts by a more rigid application of the interstate commerce laws, and a broader interpretation of them. This, he thinks, with proper support of the law department and liberal appropriations to enable it to follow up and prosecute the trusts, would fill the bill and make unnecessary any new anti-trust legislation.

Senator Hoar and other trust pursuers regard this as only a half way sort of business, which will leave the trusts practically where they are now—masters of the situation and monarchs of the industrial domain. They believe that the trusts must be grappled; with in earnest and the issue determined whether they are to rule the Government or the Government them.

But it will take time to fight that question out, more time than there is between this and the end of the session, and Mr. Roosevelt will hardly carry out his reported threat of an extra session.

Rev. Shellenberger, who is also postmaster at Middleburg, Pa., has gotten himself into trouble because he shelled and shot a man who was trying to break into his shack. He is a Dunkard preacher and the Dunkards don't allow their preachers or anybody else who belongs to them to shoot unsuspecting burglars.

In Northern Sweden there are said to be 70,000 people in a starving condition, whose only food is pounded from bark and moss stewed together.

CASTORIA.

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Mr. Musset is short one eye simply because when he was going home at night, in New Orleans, he saw a young woman and young man industriously occupied in kissing. He became interested and sneaked into the shadow of a piazza, to see the tilt out. He was so intently employed watching the young couple that he failed to see a gun pointed at him by the occupant of the house, who took him for a burglar, popped away, and ruined the sight of one of Mr. Musset's eyes. Mr. Musset now wants $17,500 damages for that eye, and he never did find out who that kissing couple was, for he left before they did.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

— Lexington *Dispatch*: The country roads are said to be in a fearful condition. Many of the farmers coming to town with wood, etc., are using big four-horse teams.

— Lumberton *Robesonian*: The directors of the Lumberton Cotton Mills at their meeting held Thursday declared a quarterly dividend of 3 per cent. The affairs of the Mill were found in most satisfactory condition.

— Louisburg *Times*: We hear talk of steps being taken to organize two stock companies for the purpose of establishing two factories in Louisburg—one for the manufacture of smoking tobacco and the other for the manufacture of cigarettes.

— Troy *Examiner*: Ten deputies from Troy went among the Uwharrie mountains last week and arrested seven men, charged with resisting Deputy Sheriff Jordan, as stated last week. They were tried before I. E Saunders, J. P., and released on a $300 bond each to appear at our next term of court.

— Stanly *Enterprise*: There was rather a mysterious homicide at Norwood last Friday. Abe Colson, a negro some 50 years of age, is dead from the result of a wound on the head. A young negro named Robinson is in jail here, and it is said that he may implicate others. A young white man of Norwood is thought to be implicated, but the matter has been kept so quiet that no certain particulars can be gained. The negro was drunk and had gambled with certain parties. One theory is that he won heavy stakes from the other fellows, and they killed him. Another is that he fell from a buggy and his head struck a stone.

— Weldon *News*: While Jack Wheeler, a white boy who lives in Northampton county, was loading a gun, his dog ran by, struck the hammer of the gun and caused it to fire. Fortunately Wheeler had just put in the powder and was ramming the wads down on that. His face and neck were badly burned and peppered with the powder. The load took right under the chin and if the shot had been in the gun his head would have been blown off. As it was he was knocked down by the force of the powder and it will be some time before the traces of it are removed.

— Wilson *Times*: Last Saturday evening Will Farmer, colored, a son of George H. Farmer, of Wilson and who formerly drayed for J. T. Williams & Co., was on his wheel going down the Finch Mill road when he saw in front of him the eleven-year-old daughter of Mr. John Henry McKeel. He yelled to her to stop She did not notice him when he cried, "If you don't stop, I will kill you." She became frightened and ran, and appealed to an old colored man who came out of the woods about that time to protect her. Will then made off. A warrant was immediately sworn out for his arrest and in a short time Sheriff Sharp had him in jail.

CURRENT COMMENT

—— It is intimated that the President will request the Hon. Jim Clarkson to attend strictly to the duties of his office. But that is not what the gentleman was appointed for.—*Washington Post, Ind.*

—— If, as has frequently been asserted by the advocates of a high tariff, the foreigner pays the duty on the article which he sells, why are the shivering people throughout the North and West putting such a heavy pressure upon their Congressmen to vote for a bill removing the duty on coal?—*Norfolk Ledger, Dem.*

—— Senator Dolliver thinks Mr. Dingley statesmanlike for "putting duties high so they might be reduced by reciprocity." Exactly as any workman is kind enough to sell unfinished work that a successor may get a job behind him; have we not been told all these years that the work of Dingley and McKinley was perfect, and lately that it was "sacred?"—*Jacksonville Times-Union, Dem.*

—— Certainly, all of us are having our troubles. In this country we have on the coal strike, the chronic row in the Philippines and the possibility of complication in the Venezuelan mix, in which England, Germany and Italy are involved with us. Besides this, Germany has her socialists at home and England continues to struggle with the Boer and Irish problems. President Castro, of Venezuela, and the Sultan of Morocco are in it up to their necks with insurgents, pretenders and foreign bill collectors. The world nominally is at peace, but there is no opportunity for any ruler or people to go to sleep.—*Richmond Times, Dem.*

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. JOHN, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

Waccamaw, Shiloh, Jan. 17, 18.
Whiteville, Whiteville, Jan. 18, 19.
Magnolia, Providence, Jan. 24, 25.
Clinton, Clinton, Jan. 30.
Kenansville, Friendship, Jan. 31, Feb. 1.
Bladen, Bethlehem, Feb. 7, 8.
Elizabeth, Elizabethtown, Feb. 9.
Carver's Creek, Council Station Feb. 10.
Oaslow, Queen's Creek, Feb. 14, 15.
Jacksonville and Richlands, Half Moon, Feb. 21, 22.

District Stewards will please meet in the Ladies' Parlor, Grace church, Wilmington, Tuesday Dec. 30th, at 1 o'clock.

Missionary Institute will be held at Grace church Feb. 4th and 5th, 1903.

District conference will meet at Jacksonville Tuesday Mar. 17th at 8 o'clock P. M. and continue through the 18th and 19th, 1903.

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CONTENTMENT.

C. H. BRADLEY.

Let others toil and strain and strive,
I've lately learned to know,
That not within the busy hive—
Where golden eagles flow—
That not where gems and silks adorn,
Where gold in plenty gleams,
Is rest for hearts, is gladness won,
Is life all happy dreams.
A life of ease, myself to please,
As free as breezes are,
To rove along with laugh and song,
To me were better far.

What care I if the wreath of fame,
Shall glid some other brow,
No glided tomes my deeds proclaim,
No fools in homage bow,
What care I for the world, to hold,
A captive in my hands,
What care I for the gleam of gold,
For wealth of fertile lands,
No home, no bed to lay my head,
No food but chance may bring,
I labor here. I labor there,
I toil and smile and sing.

If fate shall bring a crust of bread,
And fate deny me meat—
Whatever comes I bow my head—
To God in thanks, and eat.
I crave not titles, land or wealth,
I bend no fawning knees,
But give, Oh Lord! the heart, the health,
Far more than all of these,
A life of right and not of might,
A life that men may say—
When life is done, he injured none,
But harmless passed away.

—*Macon, Ga., Telgraph*

SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. Thomas' church: First mass, 7 A. M.; high mass and sermon, 10:30 A. M.; vespers and sermon, 7:45 P. M

First Baptist church, Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell, D. D., pastor: 11 A. M "Having, Doing, Being." 7:30 P. M. "The Horse Against the Centuries."

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Murchison Bank building on Chesnut street: Services this morning at 11 o'clock and at 8 P. M. Subject of Lesson Sermon, "Truth." All are invited.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, Sixth and Market streets, Rev. A. G. Voigt pastor: English services to-day at 11 A. M., and 7:30 P. M., Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. Everybody cordially invited.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, North Fourth street, Rev. C. W. Kegley pastor: Sunday school at 9:45 A. M.; preaching at 11 A. M.; services at 7:30 P. M.; church council meeting after morning services. Every person welcome.

St. Paul's Episcopal church, Rev. Dr. Dickinson rector: Morning service and sermon at 7:45 P. M. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. Evening service and sermon at 7:45 P. M. Excellent music has been arranged for both services. Seats free; strangers cordially welcome.

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— Some people's religion is like their beauty. It is all on the outside.

— You can make the devil ashamed of himself by speaking kindly to one of your enemies.

— Whenever you are about to sell yourself to the devil remember that you will never get value received.

— It will not help your husband to heaven to leave him at home with cold victuals while you go to warm your heart at the prayer meeting.—*Ram's Horn.*

— How beautiful to walk in the pathway of providential leading. That which made Abraham great was his capacity to follow in the way that God chose to lead him.

— The life of man upon this fair earth is made up for the most part of little pains and little pleasures. The great wonder-flowers bloom but once in a lifetime.—*Longfellow.*

—There is one thing and only one, which for every human being is true welfare, power, peace, blessing, beatitude. It is rectitude, it is sanctity, it is love—love of God and man.—*Orville Dewey.*

— All which happens through the whole world happens through hope. No husbandman would sow a grain of corn if he did not hope it would spring up and bring forth the ear. How much more we are helped on by hope in the way of eternal life.—*Martin Luther.*

— The well-beloved of God reveal to all of us who turn to them the riches of our inheritance and the divine possibilities of our meaner souls. In seasons of weariness, doubt, and dispair, when we gloomily dis trust ourselves and see no help near, they thus stretch forth their very hands from heaven to uplift and strengthen us.—*Henry W. Croskey.*

There is a peculiar significance connected with that Biblical phrase which refers to "the grasshopper as a burden" when it is known that 40,000,000 out of the 53,000,000 square miles of the land surface of the globe are subject to the scourge of these insects.

The United States furnishes England with 63 per cent of her breadstuffs and 65 per cent of her meats. So long as England is compelled to thus depend upon the United States for her very living there will be no serious ruction between the two countries.

Not Enough "Move Up There."

Manager—I'm afraid that new conductor will not be a success.

Superintendent—Why?

Manager—He treats the passengers with too much consideration.—Town and Country.

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It's the old story of "murder will out," only in this case there's no crime. A woman feels run down, has backache or dyspepsia and think's it's nothing and tries to hide it until she finally breaks down. Don't deceive yourself. Take Electric Bitters at once. It has a reputation for curing Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles, and will revivify your whole system. The worst forms of those maladies will quickly yield to the curative powers of Electric Bitters. Only 50 cents, and guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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Stomachs on Stilts.

The man who puts on stilts does not increase his actual stature by the breadth of a hair. He feels taller while he's on the stilts, and when he's off them he feels shorter than he ever felt. Stimulants are the stilts of the stomach. They make a man feel better for the time being, but he feels a great deal worse for them afterward.

The need of the man whose stomach is "weak" is not stimulation but strength. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery perfectly answers that need. It cures the diseases of the digestive and nutritive system which make the stomach "weak." It enables the digestion and assimilation of food, so that the body receives the nutrition on which depends its strength.

"I took two bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery for stomach trouble," writes Clarence Carnes, Esq., Taylorstown, Loudoun Co., Va. "It did me so much good that I didn't take any more. I can eat most anything now. I am so well pleased with it I hardly know how to thank you for your kind information. I tried a whole lot of things before I wrote to you. A gentleman told me of your medicine, and how it cured his wife. Thought I would try a bottle of it. Am now glad that I did, for I do not know what I should have done had it not been for Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery."

The sole motive for substitution is to permit the dealer to make the little more profit paid by the sale of less meritorious medicines. He gains; You lose. Therefore accept no substitute for "Golden Medical Discovery."

The sluggish liver is made active by the use of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets.

TWINKLINGS.

— Tess—He said I looked handsome in that gown, didn't he? Jess—Not exactly. He said that gown looked handsome on you.—*Phil. Press.*

— Carrie—After all, I must say I do enjoy being real good and tired. Bertha—I guess I shall have to introduce you to my cousin Jack.—*Boston Transcript.*

— Tommy Wise—Pa, what is an optimist? Mr. Wise—An optimist, my son, is a person who has the faculty for making a mole-hill out of a mountain.—*Judge.*

— Pat—Oi congratulate yez, Moik; it's a father Oi hear yez to be. Moik—Sure, an' it's two fathers Oi'm after bein.' It's twins, begorry.—*Chicago Daily News.*

— Mamma—Why Bobbie! Crying at the table? What is the matter? Bobby (quite sobby)—The's four kinds of cake, an' I'm only hungry enough to eat two.—*Brooklyn Life*

— Nellie—What brought about this serious trouble between Miggs and his sweetheart? Arthur—Nothing; only he thought a quarrel was cheaper than Christmas presents.—*Stray Stories.*

— The Ingenue—What did the manager say when you asked him for a raise? The Soubrette—He offered to give me a raise of fifty a week in the press reports if I'd accept a reduction of five a week in cash—*Punch.*

— Kitty—I am going to see the new problem play this evening. Aunt Hannah—I'm surprised, Kitty. They say the play isn't fit for a young woman to listen to. Kitty—Yes; I only heard that to-day. I was lucky enough to get tickets, however, for to-night.—*Boston Transcript.*

— "Herbert calls on me every evening," said the confiding girl. "Don't you think that is a sign he really cares for me?" "I can't be sure," answered Miss Cayenne, "whether it indicates that he is in love or that coal is scarce at his house."—*Washington Star.*

THE HORSE "DENTIST."

Beware of the Stranger Who Wants to "Dress" the Nag's Teeth.

If anything is wrong with your horse's grinding, take him to the best veterinarian (genuine article) you know, tell him all you have noticed about it and have him thoroughly examine the horse's mouth. Beware the "dentist" who solicits the privilege of examining your horse's mouth. He has arguments that have never been dreamed of in your philosophy. Every horse's mouth he feels of peers into requires (?) his services. He has dark designs upon your pocketbook. I am acquainted with a wag of a farm hand who led the same slightly disguised horse out of three different doors of the barn, and the "dentist," not recognizing the horse, was each time positive the horse's molars should be dressed, yet only a week before, twenty miles distant, he had "dressed" this same horse's teeth. I may have been unfortunate in my experience, but in seventeen years of practice I have yet to meet a traveling "dentist" who to my notion was a conscientious operator or possessed the knowledge or skill to which he pretended. As a rule he is a wandering Ishmaelite, the Bengal tiger of veterinary science, and continually seeks "green fields and pastures new." In fact, horsemen sometimes have been so grossly imposed upon by this new quackery that often any one making any claim to knowledge of a horse's teeth is looked upon with poisonous derision and consequently unappreciated. This, of course, is unfair to qualified men who are well grounded in fundamental facts. A horse's permanent grinders when matured are two to four inches long and when normal but little above the gum. Their roots do not begin to grow until about the seventh year. As the animal grows older, whether the molar has an opposite to grind upon or not, it is forced into the mouth, and in time if the opposite tooth is gone this grinder may be several inches longer than its fellow.—S. R. Howard, V. S., in Rural New Yorker.

To Whiten Wicker Furniture.

When willow chairs are to be cleaned, they should be washed well with white soap and warm water, then rinsed, wiped well with a soft cloth and dried in the sun. This will usually restore wicker to its original color, but if it has become yellow and stubbornly remains so after the first treatment it can be bleached by means of sulphur fumes. Light a sulphur candle near the chair and cover both with a large dry goods box. This should be done before the chair is dry. Leave it until the fumes have evaporated.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

(Quoted officially at the closing of the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, January 17.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 55c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.55 per barrel for strained and $1.60 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $1.90 per barrel for hard, $3.20 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin firm at 95c@$1.00; tar steady at $1.35; crude turpentine quiet at $1.10 @2.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	20
Rosin	213
Tar	141
Crude turpentine	95

Receipts same day last year—3 casks spirits turpentine, 182 barrels rosin, 156 barrels tar, 20 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 8½c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	6½ cts. ₱ lb
Good ordinary	7½ " "
Low middling	8¼ " "
Middling	8½ " "
Good middling	9¼ " "

Same day last year, market steady at 7¾c for middling.

Receipts—571 bales; same day last year, 691.

(Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.)

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish (new), 65@70c.

CORN—Firm; 65@67½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 15@16c per pound; shoulders, 10@12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Dull at 20c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 25@30c; springs, 15@20c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12@12½c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 50c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@4c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Money on call nominal; there were no transactions to-day. Prime mercantile paper 5@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange firm, with the actual business in bankers' bills at 486 875@487.125 for demand and at 483.625@483.875 for sixty days. Posted rates 484½ and 487½@488. Commercial bills 483@484. Bar silver 47¼. Mexican dollars 37½. Government bonds steady. State bonds—no report. Railroad bonds irregular. U S, funding 3's, registered, 109; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 109; U. S. 3's, registered, 106¾; do. coupon, 107¾; U. S. 4's, new registered, 134; do. coupon, 136½; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 109¾; do. coupon, 109¾; U. S. 5's, registered, 102¾; do. coupon, 103; Southern Railway, 5's, 117½. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 102¾. Chesapeake & Ohio 51½; Manhattan L 153¾; New York Central 153¼; Reading 62¾; do. 1st preferred 86; do. 2nd preferred 75½; St. Paul 179¾; do. pref'd, 193; Southern Railway 36; do. pref'd 95¾; Amalgamated Copper 64; People's Gas 104¼; Sugar 131½; Tennessee Coal and Iron 61; U. S. Leather 12¾; do pref'd, 88¾; Western Union 91¾; U. S Steel 37¾; do. pref'd 89¼; Virginia-Carolina Chemical 63¾; do. preferred, 123¾. Standard Oil, 740@743.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 17.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 26¾; do. preferred, bonds, 42½; fours, 84

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17—Rosin firm. Strained common to good $1 92@1 95. Spirits turpentine quiet at 60¾@61c.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 17.—Spirits turpentine firm at 57½c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — casks; A, B, C, $1 60; D, $1 60; E, $1 60; F, $1 65; G, $1 75; H, $2 00; I, $2 35; K, $2 85; M, $3 30; N, $3 50; W G, $3 75; W W $4 15.

SAVANNAH, Jan 17.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 58c; receipts 190 casks; sales 47 casks; exports 399 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 3,350 barrels; sales 590 barrels; exports 1,071 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, $1 65, D, $1 65; E, $1 65; F, $1 70; G, $1 80; H, $2 05; I, $2 40; K $2 90; M, $3 35; N, $3 55; W G, $3 80; W W, $4 20

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—The cotton market opened steady at unchanged prices to a decline of two points which was better than had been expected, cables being considerably worse than had been looked for. The later tendency of the market was towards easiness under liquidation of long interests and an outlook for large receipts. The Liverpool market closed at a net decline of 3 points, which was about twice the decline required to match the closing of the New York market yesterday. Early estimates pointed to receipts of 38,000 against 23,000 last year, while the weather map showed too much rain in important parts of the cotton belt for a generally free movement. Selling in the local market was checked by strong accounts from Alexandria, with one cable reporting 12 per cent. dividends by some of the Egyptian cotton mills. Commission house sold to secure profits, while leading shorts were the best buyers. The South was a moderate seller here. A few European orders were executed early, after which the foreign contingent dropped out as a factor.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Cotton steady at 8.95c; net receipts 295 bales; gross receipts 53,812 bales; stock 159,430 bales.

Spot closed steady; middling uplands 8.95c; middling gulf 9.20c; sales 326 bales.

Futures opened steady and closed firm. The closing quotations were: January 8.73, February 8.72, March 8.77, April 8.79, May 8.83, June 8.82, July 8.83, August 8.63, September 8.26.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 30,972 bales; exports to Great Britain 4,097 bales; exports to France 300 bales; exports to the Continent 6,850 bales; stock 1,091,970 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 30,970 bales; exports to Great Britain 4,097 bales; exports to France 300 bales; exports to the Continent 6,850 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 5,437,559 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,687,088 bales; exports to France 430,886 bales; exports to the Continent 1,730,263 bales.

Jan. 17.—Galveston, firm at 8 13-16c, net receipts 10,097 bales; Norfolk, steady at 8 13-16, net receipts 3,017 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 8¾, net receipts — bales; Boston, steady at 8.95, net receipts 891 bales; Wilmington, firm at 8¼c, net receipts 571 bales; Philadelphia, steady at 9.30c, net receipts 3 bales; Savannah, steady at 8 9-16c, net receipts 7,589 bales; New Orleans, steady at 8 11-16c, net receipts 7,787 bales; Mobile, steady at 8¼c, net receipts 478 bales; Memphis, firm at 8¾c, net receipts 1,303 bales; Augusta, steady at 8¾c, net receipts 975 bales; Charleston, firm at 8¼, net receipts 274 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Flour was quiet but firm; Winter patents $3 65@4 00; Minnesota patents $4 00@4 25. Rye flour steady; fair to good $3 00@3 30. Wheat—Spot firmer; No. 2 red 82½c. Options, while a shade lower through realising sales, held fairly steady in tone owing to a continued fair cash inquiry for wheat and bullish news from the North west as to supplies. After a final sharp rally on active local covering the market closed firm and unchanged: March closed 84¼c; May closed 82¾c; July closed 79¼c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 60c. Option market was easier because of fair unloading by room traders on the favorable weather news. The close was unsettled at 1c decline on January. Sales: January closed 58¾c; February closed —c; March closed 54¾c; May closed 49¾c; July closed 48c. Oats—Spot firm; No. 2, 41c. Options were fairly active and lower, reflecting sales for profits: May closed 41¾c. Lard steady; Western steam $10 40; refined quiet; compound 7¼@7¾c. Pork steady; family $18 00; short clear $19 50@21 50; mess $18 00@18 50. Rice firm; domestic, fair to extra 4¾@6¾c; Japan nominal. Butter easy; extra creamery 27c; State dairy 19@25½. Cheese firm; new State full cream, small colored, fancy fall made 14¼@14½c; small white, fall made, 14¼@14½c. Tallow firm; city ($2 per package) 6c; country $6¼@6½c. Peanuts steady; fancy hand picked 4¾@4¾c; other domestic 3@4¾. Cabbages quiet; domestic, per barrel red $1 00@1 25; white 75@90c. Freights to Liverpool—cotton by steam 12c. Eggs weak; State and Pennsylvania average best 30c. Coffee—Spot Rio quiet; No. 7 invoice 5¾c; mild quiet; Cordova 7@11¼c. Sugar—Raw barely steady; fair refining 3¾c; centrifugal, 96 test 3¾c; molasses sugar 3½c; refined steady; confectioner's $4 60; mould A $5 00; cut loaf $5 55; crushed $5 35; powdered $4 85; granulated $4 75; cubes $5 00. Potatoes were quoted steady; Long Island $2 00@2 25; South Jersey sweets $2 35@3 75; Jerseys $1 75@2 00; New York and Western per 180 lbs., $1 50@2 00. Molasses firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 32@40c. Cotton seed oil was rather weak and again lower to-day, with offerings still greater than the demand. Closing quotations: Prime crude nominal; prime crude f. o. b. mills 34@34¼c; prime summer yellow 40@41c; off summer yellow 39c; prime white 43c; prime winter yellow 45c; prime meal $27 50@28 00, nominal.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—Foreign news was again favorable to the bulls in the wheat pit to day and the market was very strong, May closing ½c higher May corn closed ½c lower, while oats were down ½@¾c. May provisions closed from 2½c@5c lower to 5c higher.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—Cash prices: Flour was strong: winter patents $3 60@3 70; straights $3 20@3 45; spring patents $3 50@3 80; straights $3 00@3 40; bakers' $2 35@2 80. Wheat—No. 2 spring 76@78½c; No. 3 spring 75c; No. 2 red —c. Corn—No. 2 46½c; No. 2 yellow 46½c. Oats—No. 2 34c; No. 3 white —c; No. 3 white 34½@36c. Rye—No. 2 51@53c. Mess pork, per barrel, $17 95. Lard, per 100 lbs., quoted at $10 03½. Short rib sides, loose, $8 82½@9 07½. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $8 37½@8 62½. Short clear side, boxed, $9 25@9 37½. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 30.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest an closing: Wheat—No. 2 January 74¼, 75, 74, 74¾; May 78¾@78¾, 79, 77¾@78, 78¾@78¾c; July 74¾@74¾, 75, 74¼@74¼, 74¾c. Corn—No. 2, January 47, 47, 46¾, 46¾c; May 44¾@44¾, 44¾, 43¾, 43¾@43¾c; July 43, 43¾@43¾, 43¾, 42¾c. Oats—No 2 January 34c; May 36@36¼, 36¼, 35¾, 35¾c; July 33¾, 33¾, 31¾, 32. Mess pork, per bbl—January $17 95; May $16 40, 16 47½, 16 40, 16 47½. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $10 00, 10 00, 9 97½, 10 00; May $9 50, 9 50, 9 45, 9 47½; July $9 35, 9 37½, 9 35, 9 37½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $8 95, 8 95, 8 95, 8 95; May $9 05, 9 07½, 9 03½, 9 07½.

FOREIGN MARKET

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 17.—Cotton: Spot quiet, prices two points lower; American middling fair 4.50d; good middling 4.96d; middling 4.76d; low middling 4.66d; good ordinary 4.54d; ordinary 4.42d. The sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 6,100 bales American. Receipts 11,000 bales, including 10,700 American.

Futures opened easier and closed steady; American middling (g o c) January 4.73d; January and February 4.73d; February and March 4.73d; March and April 4.73@4.74d; April and May 4.74d; May and June 4.76d; June and July 4.75d; July and August 4.74@4.75d; August and September 4.67@4.68d; September and October 4.49d; October and November 4.38d.

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Stmr A P Hurt, Robeson, Fayetteville, James Madden.

Steamer Compton, Sanders, Calabash and Little River, S C, Stone, Rourk & Co.

CLEARED.

Stmr A P Hurt, Robeson, Fayetteville, James Madden.

Norwegian barque Argo, Ellissen, London, Heide & Co.

Clyde steamship Oneida, Rich, New York and Providence, H G Smallbones.

British steamship City of Gloucester, Milburn, Liverpool, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

EXPORTS.

FOREIGN.

LONDON—Norwegian barque Argo, 6,107 barrels rosin, valued at $9,865.25; cargo by S P Shotter Co; vessel by Heide & Co.

LIVERPOOL—British steamship City of Gloucester, 8,157 bales cotton, 4,007,223 pounds, valued at $370,000; cargo and vessel by Alexander Sprunt & Son.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., January 18.

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Polaris, (Br) 1,898 tons, Holtium, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

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Foster Rice, (Br) 179 tons, Brinton, George Harriss, Son & Co.

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Everything yields itself to soft drapery. The blouse is giving a helping hand to the silk trade, but even in this

PINK SATIN FOULARD COSTUME.

the more pliant fabrics rival the taffetas and glace, while laces and chiffons modify them all. There is a light and sparkling element in silks, as in other materials. Gay, prettily colored Pompadour bouquets, such as the pleasure loving dames of the courts of Louis XIV. and XV. affected, figure alike on muslin (silk and cotton), silks and other fabrics.

Something of the prevailing pretty and picturesque effect may be gathered from the gown of the first cut, a satin foulard in a delicate shell pink shade trimmed with white guipure, with frills and pouch front in white silk muslin. The fronts of the skirt tunic are stitched over the narrow tablier from the waist nearly to the knee and thence left free. The picture hat in pink crinoline straw, artistically bent, is set off with black velvet ribbon and jeweled clasps, while a black amazon feather curls over the brim and a piquet of tips droops toward the neck.

The toque is an Easter confection of green gauze and white chiffon. Four graduated crosses, gold and pearls, nestle amid the folds of the fussy brim; a snail stud secures a slanting emerald green aigret at the side, and a black ostrich tip completes the back.

In skirts there is an introduction of a novelty, although the long lines and graceful curves of the figure remain a distinct feature in the new models. The new Paris skirt is composed of three pieces of material; the upper portion, fitting perfectly to the figure, widens only slightly over the second and is again repeated at the base. On some examples it forms three plaits on

A GREEN AND WHITE SPRING TOILET.

either side. This is effective and shows a new point, but would not be becoming to all figures; consequently the long plain skirt having a bias is also to the fore. A change is here introduced in the way of flat plaits replacing a shaped flounce, while others display the flounce, but less voluminous.

Lace Curtains.

With the advancing spring the subject of lace curtains becomes one of no little importance. Among attractive exhibits of the shops are curtains of Swiss muslin with a jour insertions of lace forming stripes and others with just the suggestion of a stripe in the background, formed by the overlapping of the net on which the lace design is embroidered. There are Marie Antoinette curtains, with dainty bedspreads to match, of brussels net worked with ribbon designs in lace braid and curtains of filmy net, with borders of handmade renaissance lace. The list might be prolonged almost indefinitely of the various makes, Swiss, Nottingham, Belgian and French. The first two of these make possible fresh, tasteful window draperies at the most moderate outlay. The low prices of many of these new season's productions are indeed one of the pleasing features of the show.

Where clover will grow and Shorthorn cattle are kept don't expect to buy a farm for much less than $80 per acre.

Seed potatoes are high priced this spring, and so it is just as well to remember that one good eye is just as good as more when cutting the potatoes for seed.

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Opinions as to the digestibility of cheese vary even more than does its composition. Some kinds are digested easily, and others take some time for the process. Some persons can digest with ease nearly every kind of cheese, others find all kinds difficult and to not a few persons it is actually poisonous. With no article of food is it more unwise to form general conclusions from isolated experiences.

The fact that it is the chief article of proteid food for so many of the peasantry of Europe and the rapid increase in its consumption in this country prove its value as a food product.

In buying cheese for family use it is wiser to have a small portion of several kinds of cheese and use them as occasion demands than to confine yourself to a large amount of one variety until satiated. Edam and pineapple cheeses of the smaller size may be bought whole and with care will keep some time. A sapsago and a bottle of Parmesan are invaluable for condiments.

A pot of Roquefort or a small portion of Gorgonzola, a jar of your favorite among the clubhouse or Canadian cheeses, and a wedge of the best English Cheddar or Stilton will give you quite a variety, and you will find them a deal of help in emergencies. Then with the cream or Neufchatel cheeses, which may be procured fresh daily, and a frequent renewal of your supply of the rich American cream cheese for rabbits, you will be equal to any occasion. A bit of sage cheese or Menauta for delicate sandwiches and of Swiss cheese for your rye bread and mustard which should accompany frankfurters will not come amiss. In summer, when it is difficult to keep some of these foreign kinds and your appetite calls for something more delicate, you may utilize many a portion of milk which otherwise would be wasted by making it into cottage cheese, which permits of many variations in form and flavoring. —American Kitchen Magazine.

A reliable young man, a good farm hand, who has worked out by the month for farmers for the past ten years, stated before a farmers' institute this winter that the farmer would get more satisfactory work out of his men if they were not required to work so many hours. He said that where work began at 5:30 in the morning and ended at 7:30 at night it would pay to give the men two hours' nooning instead of one. We believe he is right about this.

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In shrunk and spun Serges 36 inches wide we have all colors—Black, Navy, Garnett and Green—that are regular 60c value. We sell them at 50c.

In colored Tricots we have a big line of new shades—Pink, Green, light Blue, etc—strictly all wool, at 25c per yard.

Imported Beautiful Shirt Waistings in silk and wool finish running at 48c, all colors.

Standard 52-inch heavy Serge we are selling at 69c yard.

Heavy reversible, all wool 54-inch goods—need no lining, for 50c per yard. Heavy Melton cloth for Ladies' skirts—27 inches wide for 20, 25 and 35c yard.

A big line of beautiful Spring shades in A. F. C. Gingham, at 10c per yard—best quality.

10c Madras in short lengths selling for 7c yard. A. C. A. Gingham at 5c per yard. Splendid Apron checks for 5c yard. Pee Dee Plaid—best quality for 5c yard. 1200 yards extra heavy and wide plaids at 5c yard. A plenty of Rockingham Homespun at 5c yard. The best quality of Sea Island Shirting at 5c yard. The best feather proof Bed Tick at 14c yard.

Red, White, and Blue Flannels, from 12½ to 50c yard. In our Silk department our stock is complete. Yard wide black Taffetta at $1.00, $1.19 and $1.39 per yard.

Shoes! Shoes!!

Just received 450 pair Vicious Shoes that we are having a special run on at $1.50, equal to any $2.00 shoes sold in the city. We have a big line of Rubber Shoes for Men, Children and Women. The best quality of $1.00 Goodyear Rubbers at 75c. Men's roll edge Rubbers at 85c. Ladies' Rubbers from 10c to 25c.

Men's Rubber Boots from $2.25 to $3.50. House Slippers for Ladies and Gentlemen—we sell the U-Never-'Em brand—soft and flexible, and will give good service, from 40 to 65c a pair. We sell all grades of Children Shoes, and we sell the cheap, good shoes for a little money.

Blankets! Cold Weather Blankets!!

We have too many Blankets, and we want to sell you some cheap. Blankets at $1 a pair less than they were last year. We have Cotton Blankets for 23c each. Heavy Wool Mixed Blankets at $1; 11-4 Wool Mixed Blankets at $1.85; N. C. Elkin Mill All-Wool Rose Blankets at $3, sold for $4; 11-4 All-Wool Rose Blankets for $4 a pair. We find that we are overstocked in Blankets, and we want to sell them low.

Overalls—for Engineers, Firemen, Machinists, Plumbers and Laborers. We sell the Newfoot Standard $1 Overalls. The J. C. Overalls at $1 each. The Railroad Overalls are 50 and 75c. We have a Heavy Weight Overall for 39c. Coats and Pants to match and a full line of sizes.

Boys' Pants! Mothers, we can sell you Boys' Pants, made of all wool worsted and made with tape seams, for 50c a pair, all sizes.

Men's heavy working pants at $1 a pair; extra heavy, nice-looking pants at $1.25; we carry a big line of fine pants from $3 to $4 a pair. Heavy, all-worsted pants, worth $3, for $2.50 a pair. We have about 100 men's suits to close out—we need the room. Suits we sold for $7.50 and $8 we will sell for $5, strictly all-wool and nice looking; this is a chance to get a nice suit for $5, many of them for less than cost.

We also have a big line of boys' suits to sell out, good suits for little money; strictly all-wool suit for $3, and up; boys' heavy cheviot waists for 25c; white laundered waists with tape extension band for 50c.

Lap robes for baby carriages—a nice line of colors for 75c each; for buggies—a nice new stock that will run in price from $1.50 to $4.50 each, all pretty colors. A new lot of rugs just received: 4-4 Smyrna all-wool rugs for 75c; 5-4 size for $1.48, 6-4 for $1.98, 8-4 for $3.75 and 10-4 for $4.50. Art squares 37½c square yards; 7½ by 9 are $2.75 each; 9 by 9 for $3.75 each and 9 by 12 for $4.50 for each.

Our store is full of new goods and our prices are guaranteed to be as low as the lowest. We are furnishing cards with all cash purchases and giving away presents every day.

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City is about exhausted, and present outlook that it cannot be replenished before Spring. In the meantime we are prepared to supply you with the very best

BITUMINOUS LUMP COAL AT $5 PER TON,

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This coal is equally as good in every way as any Coal sold on this market.

'Phone your orders to us and they will be filled promptly.

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Twenty-five dozen Sweaters, in Blue and Red, all sizes, good weight, each 47 cents.

All Wool Sweaters 99c.

This sounds impossible, but 'tis an actual fact, they are well made, all sizes, and come in red and blue.

All Wool Sweaters, in Blue only, with bright Red stripes on collar and sleeves, full sizes, very stylish, made up in the best possible manner, worth $2.00; here $1.49.

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Liberal Terms to the Right People.

I desire to express my sincere thanks to my friends for the more than liberal patronage they have extended me during the past year, and with the hope that they have had a merry Christmas, wish them a happy and prosperous "New Year."

If any one has neglected to do their duty Xmas, or wish to "reciprocate" New Year, I have a few "left overs" at a reduced price.

N. F. PARKER,

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

LOW ROUND TRIP

Rates From Wilmington

Mardi-Gras, New Orleans, La., Feb. 18th-24th, 1903. Dates of sale Feb. 17th to 23rd, inclusive. Final limit Feb. 28th. Rate, $25.00. By deposit of tickets by original purchasers with Mr. Joseph Richardson, special agent, New Orleans, not earlier than Feb. 18th nor later than Feb. 28th and upon payment of fee of 50 cts. per ticket at time of deposit an extension of the final limit to a date not later than March 14th, 1903, may be obtained.

W. J. CRAIG,
Approved: Gen'l Passenger Agent.
H. M. EMERSON,
Traffic Manager.
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SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY

Schedule in Effect Jan. 11, 1903.

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington at 4:30 P. M., arrives Lumberton 6:56 P. M., Pembroke 7:20 P. M., Maxton 7:35 P. M., Hamlet 8:40 P. M.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Hamlet at 9:30 A. M., arrives Maxton 9:19 A. M., Pembroke 9:43 A. M., Lumberton 10:02 A. M., Wilmington 12.30 noon.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	8 50 a m	9 00 p m
Ar Monroe	10 22 a m	10 45 p m
Ar Charlotte	11 40 a m	11 50 p m
Ar Chester	12 01 p m	12 50 p m
Ar Greenwood	2 19 p m	2 56 a m
Ar Athens	5 19 p m	4 15 a m
Ar Atlanta	7 40 p m	6.15 a m

Close connection at Atlanta for Montgomery, Mobile, New Orleans and all points in Texas, Mexico and California; also for Chattanooga, Nashville, Louisville, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago, and Western and Northwestern points.

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	5 00 a m	8 45 a m	9 30 p m
Ar Columbia	7 24 a m	11 07 a m	1 10 a m
Ar Savannah	9 45 a m	3 15 p m	4 55 a m
Ar Jacksonville	1 30 p m	7 40 p m	9 15 a m
Ar Tampa		6 45 a m	6 00 p m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

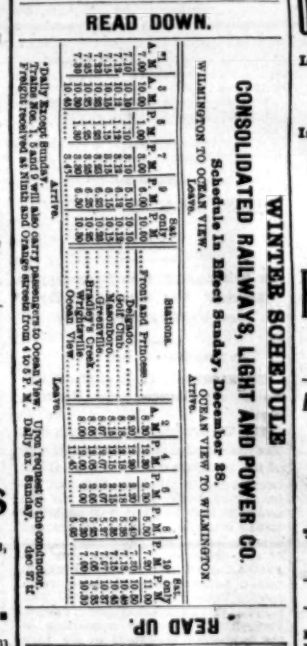
Lv Hamlet		10.25 p m	8 01 a m
Ar Raleigh		1.15 a m	11.10 a m
Ar Norlina		3.18 a m	1.25 p m
Ar Portsmouth			
Ar Norfolk		7.10 a m	5.25 p m
Lv Hamlet	10.25 p m	8.45 a m	12 09 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 15 a m	11.45 a m	2.35 a m
Ar Norlina	3 18 a m	1.35 p m	
Ar Petersburg	5.53 a m	4.10 p m	
Ar Richmond	6.10 a m	4.55 p m	6 40 a m
Ar Washington	9.45 a m	8.35 p m	10 10 a m
Ar Baltimore	10.54 a m	11.25 p m	11.51 a m
Ar New York	3.15 p m	6.30 a m	4.15 p m

Through Pullman sleepers from Hamlet to all points North, South and Southwest.

For Tickets, Pullman reservations, etc., apply to Thomas D. Meares, General Agent, Wilmington, N. C. jan 13 tf

READ DOWN.

WINTER SCHEDULE
CONSOLIDATED RAILWAYS, LIGHT AND POWER CO.
Schedule in Effect Sunday, December 28.
WILMINGTON TO OCEAN VIEW. OCEAN VIEW TO WILMINGTON.



READ UP.

Douglas Shoes.

A large lot to arrive on next steamer, besides large shipments to follow soon after.

We did well last year and we expect to make 1903 our "Banner Year."

The "Cash on Approval Business" is doing the good work, because people find they can save much money on their FOOT WEAR at our store. New Customers tell us so almost daily. A full assortment of other good lines of Shoes always on hand. Don't forget this.

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63½ steps. jan 4 tf

Family Groceries.

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Turkeys, Chickens and Eggs.

All kinds of choice Family Groceries.

Cheapest Grocery in the city.

C. O. ALEXANDER.

No. 15 North Second St.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Jan. 11, 1903.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48	No. 40
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	7.00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12.21 p m	9 35 p m
Ar Wilson	1.15 p m	10 40 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1.55 p m	11.35 p m
Ar Norfolk	5.55 p m	
Ar Weldon	4.35 p m	1 45 a m
Ar Petersburg	6.59 p m	3.35 a m
Ar Richmond	7.45 p m	4.07 a m
Ar Washington	11.40 p m	7.54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1.33 a m	9.10 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4.06 a m	11.05 a m
Ar New York	7.15 a m	1.00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 141	No. 49
Lv New York	8.55 a m	9.35 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11.30 a m	12.10 a m
Ar Baltimore	1.44 p m	2.27 a m
Ar Washington	2.50 p m	3.45 a m
Ar Norfolk		9.00 a m
Ar Richmond	6.55 p m	6.00 a m
Ar Petersburg	7.33 p m	6.13 a m
Ar Weldon	9.04 p m	11.25 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10.07 p m	12.50 p m
Ar Wilson	10.48 p m	1.46 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7.16 a m	2.55 p m
Ar Wilmington	10.10 a m	5.45 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6.00 a m	3.45 p m	7.00 p m
Ar Florence	9.25 a m	7.00 p m	9.55 a m‡
Ar Charleston	1.10 p m	11.15 p m	5.45 a m
Ar Savannah	6.35 p m	3.00 a m	7.55 a m
Ar Jacksonville		9.00 a m	12.45 p m
Ar Tampa		7.00 p m	10.00 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.
Lv Tampa	6.55 p m	9 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7.30 a m	7.00 p m
Ar Savannah	1.30 p m	1.15 a m
Ar Charleston	8.15 p m	5.45 a m
Ar Florence	8.03 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11.45 p m	1.40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound Daily.		East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 10 a m	Ar.	5.00 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 21 p m	Ar.	5 00 p m
Ar Sanford	1 50 p m	Lv.	3 45 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday.		South Bound
Lv Wilmington	2 35 p m	Ar.	12 00 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv.	9 01 a m

‡Via Wilson.

Trains Nos. 40 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Penna R. R. for all points east.

W. J. CRAIG,
Gen'l Passenger Agent
H. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager.
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Complete line of Agricultural Implements and Mechanics' Tools. We can sell you from a Tack Hammer to a Steam Engine, and from a Plow Point to the latest improved Farming Machinery.

Fine stock of Cutlery, Guns, Pistols and Sporting Goods. Loaded Shells with Black or Smokeless Powder. Hunting Suits, Game Bags, etc.

Cooking Stoves and Steel Ranges from the largest to the smallest in size as well as price. Tinware, Agate Ware and Wooden Ware. Buckets for the well and domestic purposes. Plows, Harrows, Sweeps, Hoes, Shovels and Spades at prices to suit the farmer. Knives and Forks, Cutlery, etc. Cart Axles, Boxes, Collars and Hames, Trace Chains, Back-bands and everything used on a well regulated farm.

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Paste and Glue,
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Pens and Pencils,
Files of all kinds.

I have any thing you need in your office. Write for prices.

ROBERT C. DeROSSET,

The Stationer,

dec 30 tf 107 Market St.

Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16.

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. No. 3 Pass'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS	GOING WEST. No. 4 Pass'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	4 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 53	Kinston	10 18	.....
5 43	5 50	Newbern	9 27	9 32
7 28	7 07	Morehead City	7 57	8 07
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.25 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 1.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 5.05 P. M. No. 3 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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The Clyde Steamship Co

New York, Wilmington, N. C., and Georgetown, S. C., Lines.

From New York for Wilmington

ONEIDA ..... Saturday, Jan. 10
GEO. W. CLYDE ..... Saturday, Jan. 17

From Wilmington for New York.

CLYDE ..... Saturday, Jan. 10
ONEIDA ..... Saturday, Jan. 17

From Wilmington for Georgetown.

CLYDE ..... Tuesday, Jan. 6
ONEIDA ..... Tuesday, Jan. 13

Steamship Oneida does not carry passengers.

Through Bills Lading and Lowest Through Rates guaranteed to and from points in North and South Carolina.

For Freight and passage apply to H. G. SMALLBONES, Supt., Wilmington, N. C.
THEO. G. SOEN, General Manager, 19 State street, New York.

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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, JANUARY 18.

STEAMSHIP ST. LOUIS ARRIVED IN NEW YORK.

Six Days Over Due—The Detention Mainly Due to Defective Condition of the Boilers—Passengers Indignant.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Hailed with cheers from a vast crowd that thronged the pier, the American Line steamship St. Louis, six days overdue, was hauled into her berth to-day. While her detention was in part due to tempestuous weather, it was in the main attributable to the fact that the defective condition of her boilers only admitted of a very low rate of speed, and under the most favorable conditions.

The voyage from Cherbourg to Sandy Hook lightship consumed thirteen days five hours and twenty minutes, which was six days fifteen hours and twenty-five minutes behind the ship's best record. According to the statements of the passengers, only two of the ten boilers were available when the voyage began and at times only one of these was in use.

Four men were scalded by escaping steam during the voyage, but apart from this no accident occurred and at no time was the safety of the vessel gravely imperilled. For the first three days fair progress was made, but on January 9 the difficulty with the boilers increased, and on the following day when the condition of the ship became known among the passengers much alarm and indignation were expressed and meetings were held in the saloon and in the second cabin at which resolutions were adopted severely censuring the company for permitting passengers to embark on a steamer in the crippled condition in which the St. Louis proved to be. These were embodied in a statement drawn up by a committee of passengers which was made public on the arrival of the ship.

So great was the anxiety of the passengers when the vessel had been out about a week that a petition was addressed to Captain Passow, requesting him to either head for Halifax or to transfer the passengers to the first westbound steamer that was met. Either of these courses was declared in the judgment of the captain to be too hazardous. Towards the end of the voyage the discomfort of the passengers was materially increased by a scarcity of provisions and of water for washing purposes.

KATHRYN KIDDER MONDAY NIGHT.

Sale of Seats is Progressing With a Rush.

A Northern Criticism

The sale of seats for the performance to-morrow night at the Academy by the distinguished actress, Miss Kathryn Kidder, and company commenced yesterday morning. The demand for seats was so great that the sale at present exceeds in size any of the season's previous enormous sales, save that of Frank Daniels. Not only will the audience be an exceedingly large one, but it will be an exceedingly fashionable one.

The press of the North, as well as the press of the South, has awarded the production of Miss Kidder's "An *Eye for an Eye*" great praise-notices. Among the former is the following one from the Reading *Daily Times and Dispatch*.

"Last night's performance of 'An Eye for an Eye' by Miss Kathryn Kidder and company was an intellectual feast. In this play of Dumas, the playmaster took for his dominant subject a young woman who is neglected by her husband; unconsciously rather than deliberately. The author aims to show the logical development of the character of a wife with noble ideals under conjugal neglect. The wife invokes the 'lex talionis' in the second act. Miss Kidder's portrayal of the stricken wife in this scene shows the actress in the fullest expression of her delicate art and emotional power. The third act continues the interest unflaggingly until the final curtain. Miss Kidder was roundly applauded a number of times. She had in her support a capable leading man in Monroe Salisbury. William Webb played the old man excellently. Other good work was done by Edward Lester, Walter Goodrich, M. O'Brien and William Wagner. 'An Eye for an Eye' was an intensely interesting play, the unfolding of which could not fail to enlist the closest attention."

ASSOCIATED BANKS.

Statement of Averages for the Week Ended Saturday.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—The weekly bank statement of averages of the Associated Banks, as compared with last accounts, shows:

Loans $866,054,100, decrease $14,412,000; deposits $901,111,900, increase $37,502,300; circulation $45,500,300, increase $138,800; legal tenders $77,353,700, increase $590,000; specie $168,241,400, increase $11,692,400; reserve required $225,277,975, increase $6,875,575; surplus $5,406,825; ex-United States Dep. $30,269,700, increase $5,415,350.

PLAGUE SITUATION.

Seven Deaths and Fifty Cases at Mazatlan.

Business Practically Suspended

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MAZATLAN, MEXICO, Jan. 17.—There were seven deaths from the plague to-day and the number of patients at the Lazaretto is fifty. The situation continues the same. Business is practically suspended and the majority of the inhabitants are still away. Money begins to come for the relief of the poor, and is most welcome. Generous contributions from all over the republic are being acknowledged by the local authorities.

Wonderful Nerve.

Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental Cuts, Wounds, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Sore Feet or Stiff Joints. But there's no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best Salve on earth for Piles, too. Only 25c at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

FIVE MEN KILLED AND FOUR WOUNDED

By Explosion of Powder Charge of Eight-Inch Gun on Battleship Massachusetts.

WHILE AT TARGET PRACTICE.

The Full Charge Exploded in the Turret. All the Gun Crew Killed or Injured. The Dead Buried at San Juan, P. R.—Tar Heel Wounded.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Jan. 17.—Five men were killed and four others were wounded, two of them probably fatally, by the explosion of a powder charge of an eight-inch gun on board the United States battleship Massachusetts yesterday morning while at target practice off Culebra Island.

The following is the list of the dead: K. J. Platt, 369 Eighth street, Troy, N. Y.; S. F. Malinowski, 1438 Ontario avenue, Chicago, Ill.; F. H. Loesser, 313 East 86th street, New York; Andrew Henderson, Norway; R. Rule, Walnut Hill, Cincinnati. The following men were seriously injured: A. N. Dassett, Durham, N. C.; J. G. Patterson, 23 Soho street, Pittsburg; W. A. Schert, 365 Cleveland avenue, Chicago; A. S. Tacke, Miami street, St. Louis.

Details of the explosion were obtained when the Massachusetts arrived here to-day. The explosion occurred in the starboard after-eight-inch turret, shortly before noon yesterday and was due to the accidental discharge of a percussion primer while the breech of the gun was open. The full charge exploded in the turret and killed or injured all the crew of the gun, numbering nine men. Ensign Ward K. Morion, who was in charge of the turret, escaped injury, though he was standing near the scene of the explosion.

Magnificent discipline was immediately shown by the officers and crew of the battleship. Captain Harry Lee, commanding the marine guard of the vessel, and Ensign Clarence A. Abel, immediately flooded the turret with water, and Lieutenant Charles F. Hoges and Gunner Kuhlwein went below to the magazine, picking powder charges, and prevented further explosions, while Lieutenant William C. Cole and Gun Captain Sonemon entered the turret and withdrew the charge from the other gun, whose breech was open. The survivors of the gun's crew when rescued were burned, mutilated and nearly dead. One man, whose clothing was on fire, jumped overboard.

In less than a minute after the explosion three streams of water were pouring into the turret, preventing the charge in the other eight-inch gun from exploding.

A funeral service for the men who met their death in the explosion was held at 1 o'clock this afternoon on board the Massachusetts, Chaplain Wright officiating. Afterwards a procession was formed on shore and proceeded to the military cemetery of Porto Rico where the interment took place. The regimental band of the garrison of Porto Rico took part in the ceremony. Admiral Higginson and the officers of the Massachusetts were at the grave side where the military ceremonies and also Masonic honors for one of the dead, were rendered.

The four injured men are lying in the military hospital. They are badly burned, but hopes are entertained for the recovery of all. They are now resting quietly. Coxswain Tacke's condition is considered the most serious.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Jan. 17—(Saturday Evening.)—Coxswain Tacke died this afternoon. The condition of Apprentice Schert and Seaman Dasseit has become worse and it is now thought that these men will not survive their injuries. Seaman Patterson is doing well and is expected to recover.

WILCOX TRIAL IS NEARING AN END.

The Defence Offered No Testimony and Argument Was Begun Yesterday. Case Will Go to Jury Monday.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Jan. 17.—A special to the *Observer* from Hertford, says:

The Wilcox trial is nearing an end. The State rested after examining one of the witnesses this morning. It has been rumored all along that the defence would offer testimony, but the audience and the court were surprised to-day when Mr. Aydlett announced that the case of the State was the case of the defendant. Wilcox was not put on the witness stand, contrary to public expectation, and there was a feeling both of disappointment and relief at this unexpected turn of affairs. Immediately after the conclusion of the testimony argument to the jury was begun.

Nellie Cropsey's father was on the stand to-day, but his testimony was immaterial; as was also that of Mr. Hayman, the last witness heard.

Three addresses were made to the jury, the speakers being W. J. Leary, of Edenton, N. C.; Roscoe Turner and I. Heyward Sawyer, of Elizabeth City, N. C.

Mr. Leary, for the defence, outlined the argument for his side of the case. He contended that the State had failed to connect Wilcox with the case in any way and failed to prove that the girl had been killed.

Mr. Turner, for the State, made an argument in support of the theory that Wilcox struck Nellie Cropsey over the head with some blunt instrument, carried her body to the river and cast it into the water. During the speech of Mr. Sawyer, for the prosecution, Miss Ollie Cropsey broke down and cried like a child.

The case will go to the jury Monday afternoon.

NAVAL CONSTRUCTOR HOBSON.

Ordered to Duty in Charge of Construction Department at Puget Sound.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 17.—Upon the recommendation of Admiral Bowles, chief constructor of the navy, Acting Secretary Darling to-day signed an order assigning Constructor Hobson to duty in the construction department at the Puget Sound naval station at Bremerton. The Navy Department concluded that the straits it is in through the resignation of Constructor Hibbs, leaving vacant the important post at Bremerton, justified the action taken to-day. Mr. Hobson is now in a position where he must resign from the naval service altogether or undertake active duty for which he feels himself unfitted by reason of an eye trouble.

FOR A DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR.

Bill Passed the House—Substitute for Senate Bill—Twenty-nine Democrats Voted for the Measure.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—At the end of a struggle which prolonged to-day's session until after 6 o'clock, the House passed the substitute for the Senate bill to establish a Department of Commerce and Labor. The vote stood 137 to 40. All the Republicans and twenty-nine Democrats voted for the bill. In committee of the whole the Democrats and a sprinkling of Republicans, led by Mr. Corliss, Republican, Michigan, struck out the portion of the bill providing for a bureau of insurance. By a piece of parliamentary strategy Mr. Hepburn, Republican, Iowa, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Committee, sought to have this provision restored, but the opposition stood fast, and he was overcome. The Democrats then attempted to recommit the bill with instructions to report back a separate bill for the erection of a department of labor, but the motion was lost. The only other substantial amendment was one to authorize the President to transfer the Interstate Commerce Commission to the new department.

The substitute as passed by the House differs from the Senate bill in important particulars. It leaves the life-saving service, the marine hospital service, the steamboat inspection service, the bureau of navigation and the shipping commissioners under the control of the Treasury Department, but authorizes the President, in his discretion, to transfer other bureaus for the collection of statistics and the Interstate Commerce Commission to the new department. It places under the control of the new department the national bureau of standards, the coast and geodetic survey, the bureau of statistics, the census bureau, the bureau of foreign commerce, the bureau of immigration, including jurisdiction over Chinese immigration, and also creates the bureau of manufactures and corporations.

Naval Appropriations.

The Naval Affairs Committee of the House has admitted in its entirety the naval increase programme provided for by the sub-committee in the Naval Appropriation bill. The bill as it now stands provides for three battleships and one cruiser of 16,000 tons each, two steel training ships and one wooden brig, the latter to be used for training purposes. Provision is made for the construction of the vessels at government yards if it be found that combinations exist.

Anti-Trust Bill.

Representatives Littlefield and Overstreet, of the sub-committee of the House Judiciary Committee, were at the Department of Justice to-day, their visit being in connection with the preparation of an anti-trust bill. The sub-committee expects to have its bill completed so as to be able to have a final conference with the attorney general Monday.

MOST POWERFUL GUN BUILT IN AMERICA.

Huge Sixteen-Inch Coast Defence Rifle Successfully Tested—Gun Cost $100,000—Its Range Twenty Miles.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—The most powerful gun ever built in America, a huge 16-inch coast defence rifle, was successfully tested at the government proving ground, Sandy Hook, to-day. The gun was fired three times in the course of the afternoon in the presence of several hundred army officers, a few civilians and one representative of the legislative branch of the government, Congressman Gillette, of Massachusetts, who was invited as a member of the appropriation committee.

The three tests were marked by the wonderful accuracy with which they fulfilled the mathematical calculations of the army experts who have had charge of the gun's construction. The three shots also proved that the special smokeless powder made for 16-inch guns had been accurately prepared. The first shot was a sort of "warmer." The charge was 550 pounds of smokeless powder and the velocity of the 2,400-pounds projectile when it left the muzzle was 2,003 feet a second. The pressure of the great charge of powder in exploding was 25,000 pounds to the square inch. For the second shot the full charge of 640 pounds of powder was used and the velocity was 2,306 or six feet more than calculated. The pressure was 38,000 pounds to the square inch. The elevation of the gun's muzzle for the first and second shots was 1½ degrees and the ranges were 3,000 and 3,500 yards.

For the final shot, the muzzle was elevated to 4½ degrees, increasing the range to 7,000 yards. The velocity of the shot was not taken. The charge was 640 pounds of smokeless powder and the pressure was 38,500 pounds to the square inch. All the shots ricocheted two or three times on the water, sending up great fountains of spray.

General Crozier said the tests showed the gun was an absolute success and proved that 16-inch guns could be furnished whenever the country wanted them.

The gun fired to-day cost $100,000. It was said at the tests to day that the gun undoubtedly would be mounted at Sandy Hook. General Crozier said that while its range at its highest elevation was about twenty miles, it could be used to hit objects at a distance of four or five miles. Objects further than that could not be seen.

DESPERATE NEGRO CONVICT.

Barricaded in a Shanty and Keeping Forty Men at Bay.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SILURIA, ALA., Jan. 17.—Tom Benton, a notorious negro, is at large in Shelby county. He broke jail three days ago and rewards have been offered by the county officials for his capture. He is now barricaded in a deserted shanty a few miles beyond Hardyville and is said to be keeping forty men at bay. He has killed one, a negro, and wounded a number of white men. The inhabitants are terror-stricken.

The legal representatives of the Crown Prince and Princess of Saxony have arranged terms for their separation. The Princess abandons all the titles, rights and dignities appertaining to her through her marriage and resumes her maiden name. The crown prince has expressed his willingness to pay her $7,500 yearly.

A dose of Anways Croup Syrup might save baby's life, if given at beginning of attack. Croup is dangerous and Anways is safe, safer to have a bottle in the house. Thousands use and recommend it. Try it for baby's cough or cold. 25 cts. at Robt. R. Bellamy's Drug Store. †

THE CONDITION OF MR. GONZALES.

Reports Last Night from the Hospital in Columbia More Encouraging.

THE CASE STILL DESPERATE.

Nothing to Add to the Story of the Shooting—No Developments Expected Until the Trial—Tillman Claims He Was Justified for Action.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 17.—After a day of anxiety to the friends of Editor N. G. Gonzales of the *State*, who was shot down and sorely wounded on Thursday afternoon by Lieutenant Governor James H. Tillman, reports to-night from the hospital are encouraging, though not assuring of his improvement and possible recovery. During the early afternoon there was very grave apprehension for the life of the wounded man and at one time practically all hope had been abandoned, but there has appeared a ray of hope and at the present time there is some indication of a favorable outcome.

Too strong expectations should not be indulged, for the condition of Mr. Gonzales is exceedingly grave and at any moment disturbing symptoms may supervene, but the physicians now hold out some encouragement to the friends of the wounded man.

Dr. W. Gill Wylie, of New York, who was called into consultation in the case, and who has been in attendance since yesterday morning, left this afternoon for Rock Hill, stating that he was better satisfied with the condition of Mr. Gonzales than he had been at any time since he first had seen him. He will be within telephone call and is prepared to return to Columbia at any time he may be needed. The chief concern this afternoon was caused by an obstruction of the intestines and it was considered at one time as a possibility that the wound would have to be re-opened and an injection made to relieve this. It was practically determined to resort to this heroic treatment if improvement did not appear in a short time, but when the limit of waiting for favorable development had expired there was noted a relaxation of tension of the abdomen and the physcians announced that the remedies they had applied were having effect, and that if they completed the purpose of their administration there would be a chance of saving the life of the patient. This favorable news has been received with the liveliest satisfaction and hopes have risen high in the community. It is realized fully, however, that the case is still desperate and may have a fatal termination. One of the most satisfactory features of the case is that there has yet been, after nearly sixty hours, not the least indication of peritonitis. Danger of this development will have passed practically after seventy-two hours.

There is nothing to be added to-night to the story of the shooting that has not already been told in the Associated Press dispatches. There has been absolutely no developments to-day and none is expected until the trial. The friends of Gonzales are positive that there was no cause for the act of Tillman beyond such provocation as was made months ago, and they consider the whole story told in the facts that have already been related, namely, that Tillman, armed with two heavy pistols, proceeding from the capitol where he had presided over the Senate, met Gonzales, unarmed, who sought to avoid an actual contact with Tillman by crossing to the inside of the pavement; that in passing Tillman the latter suddenly and without warning pressed a magazine pistol against Gonzales and sent a bullet through his body.

It is understood, and generally believed that Tillman will claim that he thought Gonzales was armed and intended shooting him and that he was justified in this belief by the fact that Gonzales had his hands in his pockets and was approaching him and felt an enmity toward him which might lead to a mortal conflict. All this is of course presumptive, as Tillman has given out no statement of his attitude of defence nor undertaken any explanation of his shooting of Gonzales. He has merely said that he had good and justifiable ground for his action and that he will prove this at the proper time. He is reported as having said to-day that he regretted the necessity for his action and hoped as strong as anybody that the wound would not prove fatal.

Tillman says he has received a number of offers from lawyers in the State to undertake his defence without fee. His room contains several handsome bunches of flowers which he says were sent to him by friends. He continues comfortably disposed in his prison quarters and one of his counsel is generally with him. There is not the least sign of public excitement in Columbia and the wild stories of possible mob violence to Tillman have entirely subsided. There was never any foundation for them. The interest in Gonzales' condition and concerning his life is unabated.

Condition Unchanged.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 18—At 2:15 A. M., Dr. McIntosh issued the following bulletin on Mr. Gonzales' condition: Pulse 133; temperature 102 1-5; respiration 32. General condition unchanged. Patient quietly sleeping. Some gas from the bowels. Will certainly live through the night; beyond twelve hours we cannot say.

DEFAULTING SECRETARY.

Short in His Accounts for Large Amounts With Building Associations.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CIRCLEVILLE, O., Jan. 17.—An examination of the books of the Circleville, Germania and New Citizens' Building and Loan Association of which G. Christie Bayer was secretary, discloses that Bayer is short $53 000 in his accounts with the New Citizens, about $50,000 with the Germania, and $5,000 to $6,000 with the Circleville Building and Loan Company. Bayer, who was recently elected county clerk, disappeared several weeks ago and his whereabouts are unknown.

A boiler explosion at Bell's Mills, Pa., wrecked a saw mill, killed two men and injured two others, one probably fatally.

Two boilers in the Ranney refrigerator factory, Greenville, Mich., blew up yesterday, killing two men, injuring more than a dozen others and causing an estimated money loss of $25,000.

For Whooping Cough use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

WARM WIRELETS

The Roanoke (Va) Railway and Electric Company, capitalized at $690,000, was sold yesterday to Philadelphia capitalists, who take all the $300,000 stock and a large block of the bonds. Twenty miles of track are included in the purchase.

A Manila dispatch says: Capt. John J. Pershing, of the Fifteenth cavalry, in command of the American troops at Lake Lanao, is shortly expected to lead an expedition completely around the lake and visit Bacolod and other hostile strongholds. No fighting is expected.

A LARGE SHEEP RANCH.

Some Interesting Details Concerning the Methods of Operation.

In the Corrumpaw, in Union county, N. M., there is a large model sheep ranch the conduct of which may prove of interest to those readers who do not know how such an establishment is run. This is Wight ranch, and the watered claims, comprising 3,000 acres, are so located as to give grazing privileges over the whole country. There are 15,000 sheep, which range over a strip ten miles wide and thirty miles long, according to Field and Farm. The entire flock right through requires one man to each 1,000 sheep, besides a foreman and a helper at the ranch. During the greater part of the year the ewes are run in bands of from 2,500 to 3,000, the wethers and yearling ewes in slightly larger bands. The lambing herd is usually less than 2,000, and the rams are of course run in a buck herd. It requires about five men to the thousand sheep during lambing, and ordinarily the results are from 80 to 90 per cent. Lambing generally commences May 5, and the greater part of the lambs drop in the succeeding twenty days.

The average cost of help is $18 a month. Shearing commences July 1 and usually lasts ten or twenty days. About 3 cents a head is paid, although there is a tendency on the part of the shearers to increase the price. The probabilities are that there will be a machine shearing plant put in soon. The wether flock shears on an average about ten pounds for the second and third fleeces. Owing to the introduction of English mutton sires to increase the size of the sheep the last year's lambs will not shear this amount. The ewe flock averages eight pounds of wool to the head.

The average cost of running the sheep is 55 cents a head, leaving a nice margin of profit in the wool alone when sold at 12½ cents, the contract price for the season. This profit of 45 to 50 cents a head does not include the sale of some 2,000 or 3,000 wethers at $2 or better in the fall. It requires twenty-five rams to the thousand ewes. After the breeding season is over they are taken by a Spanish neighbor, who herds them all the year except during the breeding season for $25 a month, which price does not include the grain furnished by the owner. The wool clip brought something over $12,000 this season.

THE HORSE BREEDERS

The Iowa Agricultural college has recently sold Secretary Wilson of President Roosevelt's cabinet two superior pairs of horses for service in the department of agriculture at Washington. A few years ago when horses were a drug on the market at any price an experiment was undertaken to determine the qualities and value of western range bred horses obtained from the range as colts and developed under Iowa farm conditions. Many horses in the range territory and elsewhere were then selling as low as $5 per head. The experiment station at that time obtained a carload of well bred colts as weanlings and yearlings from the ranges of Wyoming and Montana and brought them to the college for development and investigation. They were carefully and intelligently selected as colts, care being taken to combine good breeding with a high degree of individual excellence. These horses have been greatly admired as they have been developed and used at the college. Those recently sold are a pair of steel gray grade Percherons for hauling the department's mail and express and a pair of well matched seal brown coach horses that will be used on Secretary Wilson's carriage, and it is the opinion of good horsemen that the secretary will ride behind as handsome a pair as there is in Washington.—National Stockman.

Horses Out of Condition.

Just at present a great many horses are being marketed showing bad harness scars and carrying too little flesh to go into city work. Owing to the very extensive demand for heavy feeders and the consequent competition among the eastern buyers for all promising offerings of this sort the scars and the lack of flesh are passed over much more readily now than they usually are, and some farmers are for this reason shipping out their horses without making them as fat as they ought to be. This is a mistake. Oats are not very high in price, and they are plentiful. If it will pay the dealers to buy the thin horses and the grain as well and finish the animals up to a proper degree of condition, it will certainly pay the farmer also. It seldom pays to sell thin horses.—Breeder's Gazette.

Grinding Feed For Horses.

Whether it pays to grind feed for all horses is doubtful, but for many of them it does. Irregular teeth or a disposition to "hog" their feed often allows grain to go down whole, and if the feed is ground it will be better digested. One of the best arguments in favor of grinding is that the man who grinds feed usually mixes feeds—that is, he will grind oats and corn together—and this is better for the horse than feeding all of one kind, corn for instance. Old horses will do better on ground feed, and so will young ones whose teeth are changing.—National Stockman.

An Old One.

Now comes a story that a farmer living near Pittsburg has just lost by death a horse that lived to be thirty-nine years old. The horse, according to the report, was bought by his late owner for $32 when twenty-seven years of age and worked up to within two hours of his death.

There may be something more attractive in the fruit line than a heaping panful of Clyde strawberries, but we really do not know what it could be.

The largest return in food value is obtained from an acre of corn when it is put into a silo. Where land is high priced this fact is well worth considering.

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[Signed] *W. H. SEESKIND,*
Manager A. of M.

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Notice is hereby given that I will apply to the Board of Aldermen of the city of Wilmington and the Board of Commissioners of the county of New Hanover for license to retail spirituous liquors at 50 Taylor street. D. Gilson & Co. jan 9 30t

Notice—The tug-boat LaChiquita having been sold by J. L. Ross to Peter Simpson, all persons having claims against said boat will present them to me within thirty days from the date of this notice. This the 18th day of December, 1902. Robert G. Grady. dec 19 30t

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